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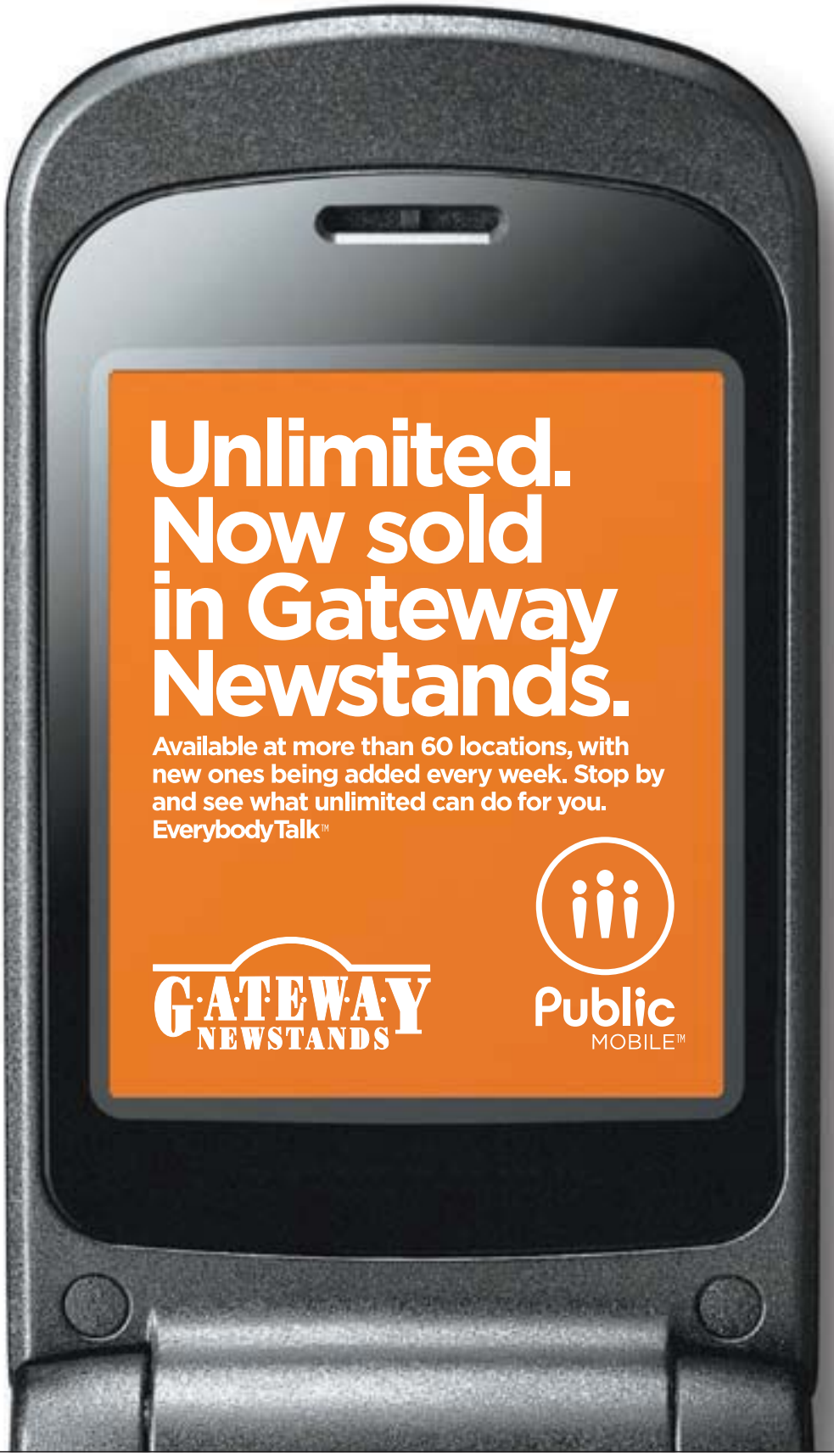

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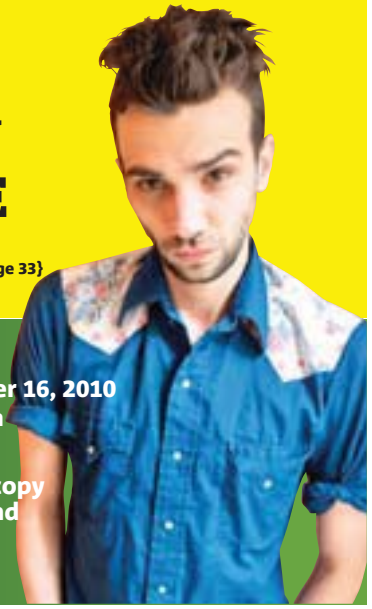

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Adding 'LOL' to the three Rs

Cellphones must be off during class, but TDSB exploring ways to make them more acceptable: Spokesperson ◐ Phones would be distractions, says opposition

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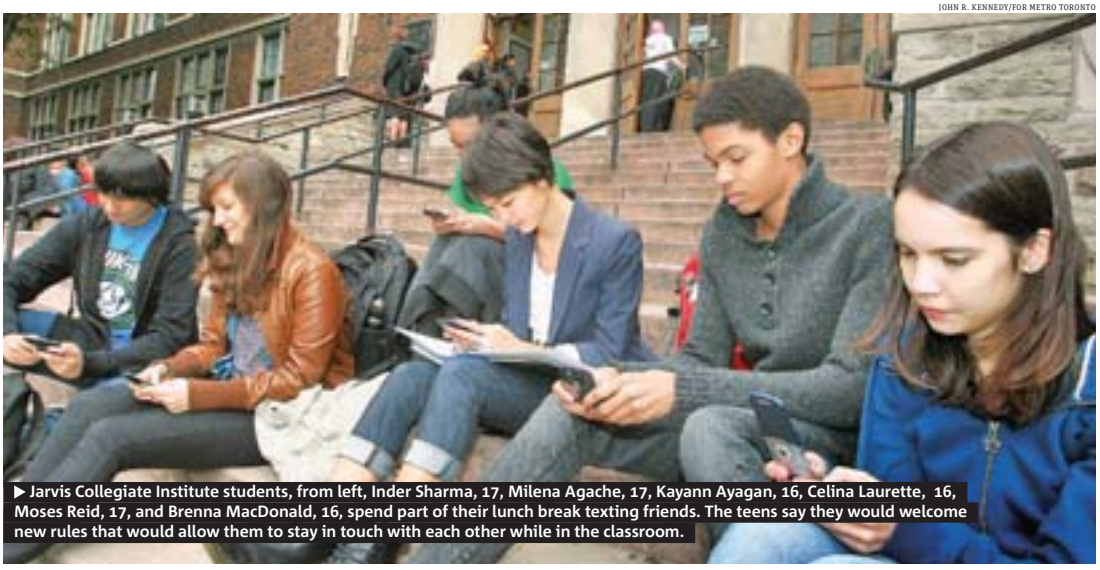

▶ Jarvis Collegiate Institute students, from left, Inder Sharma, 17, Milena Agache, 17, Kayann Ayagan, 16, Celina Laurette, 16, Moses Reid, 17, and Brenna MacDonald, 16, spend part of their lunch break texting friends. The teens say they would welcome new rules that would allow them to stay in touch with each other while in the classroom.

Ontario schools should be open to the idea of allowing students to use cellphones in the classroom, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

McGuinty, who won't even let his ministers keep the devices during cabinet meetings, said he understands they can be a major distraction, but there is a "right way" to use them in class.

"Telephones and BlackBerrys and the like are conduits for information today, and one of the things we want our students to do is to be well-informed," he said.

"And it's something that we should be looking at in our schools."

The Toronto District School Board, one of the largest in Canada, is considering a rethink of its cellphone ban. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Show up or pay up, Thomson says

Toronto city councillors who don't bother to show up for work should have their almost $100,000 annual pay reduced accordingly, says mayoral candidate Sarah Thomson.

Even the Senate of Canada, not noted for stellar attendance, deducts pay if senators are absent, Thomson told reporters yesterday.

"We can and will have similar accountability at city hall," she said.

Thomson said if elected she would work to bring in penalties so if a councillor missed a three-hour committee meeting, they would lose three hours' pay.

Councillors currently make $99,620 per year.

Thomson singled out front-running mayoral candidate Rob Ford for particular criticism.

She said Ford, a tireless critic of the city's spending priorities, has been absent from budget committee meetings where issues are thrashed out and recommendations passed that go to council for final approval.

"This is a man who's built his platform on budgetary restraint and yet hasn't attended even one budget committee meeting in over a year," she said.

Ford did not respond to a request for comment.

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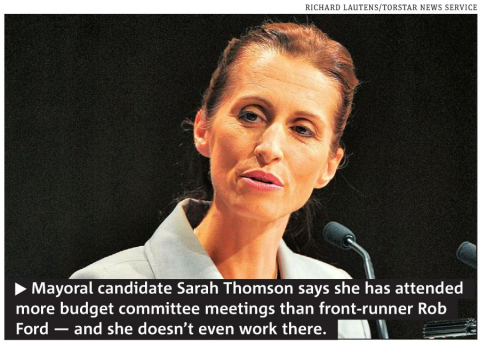

▶ Mayoral candidate Sarah Thomson says she has attended more budget committee meetings than front-runner Rob Ford — and she doesn't even work there.

More leaders, less managers: Peddie

Top sports executive tosses out challenge to mayoral candidates to offer a long-term vision for the city

Toronto desperately needs a mayor and councillors with a clear long-term vision for the city — and to date, that's missing from the campaign, says the city's top sports executive.

"I want a true leader, not a manager. Managers manage what has already been created," Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment CEO Richard Peddie told a Canadian Club luncheon yesterday. "Leaders create something new."

MLSE owns several sports franchises including the Maple Leafs, the Raptors and Toronto FC.

While Peddie remains undecided about who he will cast a ballot for Oct. 25, he calls it a crucial election that will shape the direction of the city.

Although he does not name any of the candidates by name, he points out that much attention has been focused on short-term tactics like "cut costs" or "freeze taxes," but such messages aren't compelling, Peddie says.

"Those don't get me inspired and pumped about Toronto's future," said Peddie, who has lived in the city for nearly 40 years.

"A great city hall leadership team will make a positive difference to our city. However, an average or poor city hall leadership team will definitely make a negative difference."
RICHARD PEDDIE, MLSE CEO

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▶ MLSE CEO Richard Peddie emphasizes the next mayor must have new and modern ideas, as well as strong personal values. More mayoral race coverage, page 10.

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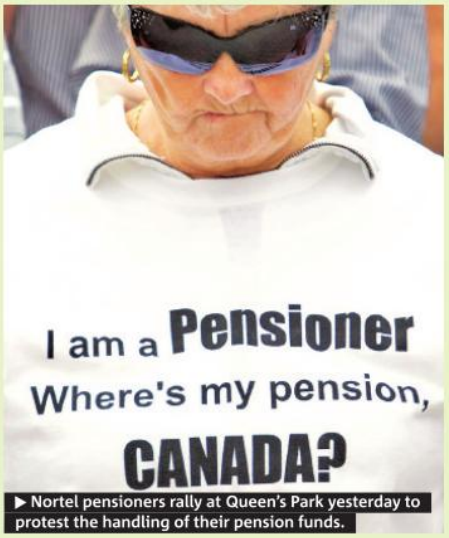

▶ Nortel pensioners rally at Queen's Park yesterday to protest the handling of their pension funds.

NORTEL PENSIONERS RALLY AT QUEEN'S PARK

Hundreds of Nortel pensioners fearing drastically reduced retirement benefits rallied outside the Ontario legislature yesterday, calling on the government to rethink the pension plan's fate.

Their $2.5-billion underfunded plan will be wound up, under government supervision, at the end of the month.

The fund is to be converted into individual annuities with various financial institutions, but Nortel retirees are calling on Premier Dalton McGuinty for a different plan. A so-called financial sponsorship model, they argue, would allow financial institutions to compete to offer something like a pension to Nortel retirees.

"We are not asking something that is unreasonable," Peter Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of Canadian Auto Workers, said.

"The government does not have to act in haste, there is time here and there are options."

Ontario's finance minister has called the financial sponsorship model a "riskier road" for a pension that has already been "horribly mismanaged." THE CANADIAN PRESS

McGuinty staying mum on possible hydro rate offset

PC leader says program should be halted since it's not lowering hydro bills or convincing people to switch heavy electricity use to late at night

Ontario's smart meter program needs to be scrapped, the Opposition demanded yesterday after Premier Dalton McGuinty refused to rule out a price increase for electricity during peak demand hours.

After saying Tuesday that off-peak electricity rates should be lowered to convince people to change their habits to take advantage of time-of-use pricing, McGuinty wouldn't say yesterday if that could mean a rise in rates at peak demand times.

"I'm not going to get into that because I'm not the expert, but what I can say is that we've got to make sure the differential between peak and off-peak is significant, so significant that it motivates people," said McGuinty. "We've got to make sure people understand ... the options available to them."

The New Democrats said McGuinty's comments have them worried about a rise in the peak rate for hydro, which is already nearly double what Ontario residents used to pay for power 24 hours a day.

"It's quite disconcerting that the premier dodged that question," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

"I really don't want to see the government making more decisions that make life less affordable for folks."

The Opposition accused McGuinty of forcing people to dramatically alter their behaviour in order to get the lowest electricity rates, and said consumers should be able to opt out of the program.

TANYA TALAGA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty

"Dalton McGuinty's smart meters have been nothing but a tax machine to take more money out of people's pockets."
PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEADER TIM HUDAK

Higher bills

- The government has spent about $1.5 billion to install 4.1 million smart meters in homes, with a goal of 4.4 million, but the cost of the meters is added to electricity bills, which were already on the rise because of the HST and green energy charges.
- A Toronto Hydro survey showed about 80 per cent of people using smart meters are seeing increases, not decreases on their bills.

"Who's looking out for the senior citizen who is being lectured by Dalton McGuinty to do her laundry at two in the morning?" asked Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak. "I think people deserve a choice whether they want to engage in using smart meters or not." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

Shatner seeks plaque update

WALK OF FAME. William Shatner, famed for his role as Captain Kirk on TV's Star Trek, has taken to Twitter to ask why his red granite plaque in Toronto's theatre district looks like someone has gnawed a piece out of it.

"I hear my star on the Canadian Walk of Fame is a bit frazzled ... but, then again, so am I," he wrote.

The 79-year-old actor was inducted into the Walk of Fame in 2000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Toronto-area school boards are reporting improvements in math, reading and writing.

School boards see small gains in test scores

‘Encouraging results’ add to improvement TDSB has seen over past few years: Board’s director of education

Across Greater Toronto, school boards are reporting small increases in math, reading and writing test scores.

For Toronto’s public board overall, 60 per cent of Grade 3 students met provincial standards in reading, 70 per cent in writing and 71 per cent in math.

For Grade 6 students, 69 per cent met reading standards, 71 per cent writing and 63 per cent math.

For the York Region District School Board, typically among the best in the province, 70 per cent of Grade 3 students met reading standards, 80 per cent writing and 81 per cent math.

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The provincial standard is equivalent to a B grade or better.

In Grade 6, 79 per cent met reading standards, 80 writing and 73 math.

The tests, by the provincial Education Quality and Accountability Office, assess students in the three subject areas in grades 3 and 6, as well as math in Grade 9 and a literacy test in Grade 10 — which students must pass in order to graduate.

“I am very proud of the hard work shown by students, staff and everyone in our schools as we continue to work together to close the achievement gap and move forward with our Vision of Hope,” said Chris Spence, director of education for the Toronto public board.

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Suspects in dog theft caught on video

YORK REGIONAL POLICE

▶ Honey, a diabetic Pomeranian-Yorkie mix.

Police in York Region have released video of a dognapping they hope will lead to the arrest of five suspects.

A Pomeranian-Yorkie mix named Honey was left in the car while her owners went into a billiard hall in Vaughan last month.

The video, released this week, shows the suspects entering the car and taking the one-kilogram, light brown dog from the rear seat.

Police spokeswoman Const. Rebecca Boyd said the owners are concerned for the well-being of the family pet.

Boyd said Honey has a diabetic condition that requires medication on a daily basis.

The five suspects are believed to be 18 to 25 years old and all have dark-coloured hair.

Police are asking anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at 1800222tips.com or text message “TIPYORK + your message” to CRIMES (274637).

If the information you provide helps solve the case, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $2,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

To watch the video of the dognapping, visit metronews.ca/local

Boost for foreign dentists

Ottawa says a new initiative will cut the wait time for foreign-trained dentists to be certified in Canada to less than one year from seven years.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said Ottawa is spending $800,000 to help streamline the application process and get dentists working sooner.

The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario said there is now one national application process that applies to all provinces and territories.

The new system means dentists will know, before they move, whether they need to take upgrading courses in order to get a licence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man busted for fraud, witchcraft

Police in Brampton report that they have charged a man with fraud for pretending to practise witchcraft.

Investigators allege the suspect was taking money for witchcraft-related services at his home.

Yogendra Pathak, 44, of Brampton has been charged with fraud under $5,000 and pretending to practise witchcraft.

Pathak is due in court Oct 7.

It’s believed the services had been offered for more than a year, and police are asking for alleged victims or anyone with information to come forward.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspect in shooting released

One of two men wanted by police after a shot was fired inside a Toronto shopping mall has been released after turning himself in.

Police said Shaun Mobeen, 29, turned himself in yesterday and was released without being charged.

Christopher Alexander, 27, is still being sought on attempted murder charges.

Police say a shot was fired at a security guard inside Fairview Mall Monday night.

Investigators say the shooting occurred after two men were investigated for “a theft-related offence.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

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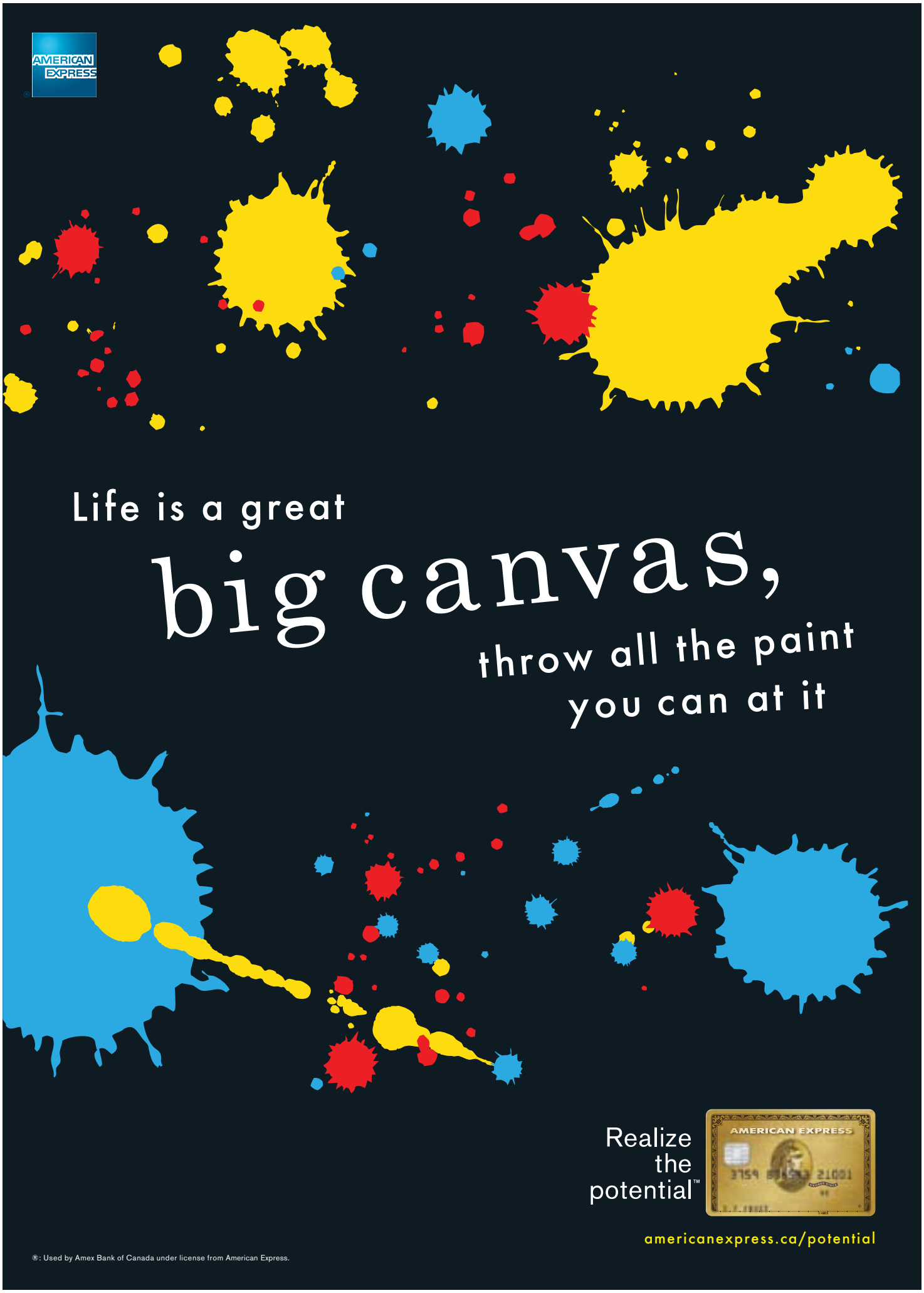
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Five-year cancer survival rates rise: Study

Progress made against disease, but lots to do: Cancer society

The predicted probability of surviving five years following diagnosis has increased for a number of cancers, notably non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, according to a study released yesterday.

Statistics Canada predicted survival estimates for cases diagnosed in 2004 to 2006, which were then compared with those diagnosed in 1992 to 1994.

The five-year relative survival ratio is the ratio of the observed survival of a group of people with cancer to the expected survival of other individuals assumed to be cancer-free.

The cancer-free group otherwise has the same characteristics affecting survival as the group with cancer.

"So even where we are seeing progress ... we still need to do a lot more for those particular cancers."
GILLIAN BROMFIELD, CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

According to the study, the five-year relative survival ratio for all cancers was estimated at 62 per cent in 2004 to 2006. In other words, compared to individuals without cancer, those diagnosed with the disease are predicted to have about three-fifths the probability of surviving the next five years.

That ratio is up from 56 per cent in 1992 to 1994.

Five-year relative survival ratios ranged from six per cent for pancreatic cancer to 98 per cent for cancer of the thyroid.

Gillian Bromfield, senior manager of cancer control policy with the Canadian Cancer Society, said increased survival rates are probably due to increased detection or effective treatments.

"I think the important thing is we're continuing to see an increase in the survival rates for some of the cancers, and I think it's important to look at this issue on an ongoing basis to make sure that we're on the right track," she said yesterday from Toronto.

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Crash. Gas leak

▶ A car rests near an apartment building after it severed a gas line in an accident yesterday.

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Tenants evacuated after accident

Some Toronto residents were evacuated yesterday morning when a car crashed into an apartment building at 2202 Weston Rd. and severed a natural gas line. CP24 reports the driver was thrown from the car and was taken to hospital with life-threatening head injuries.

Woman posing as cop: Police

Police say a woman posed as an officer, stopped a driver in Oakville, and demanded a payment for speeding on the spot. Halton Regional Police say the driver did not have the money, so the suspect accompanied the man to an ATM where he gave the woman an undisclosed amount of cash.

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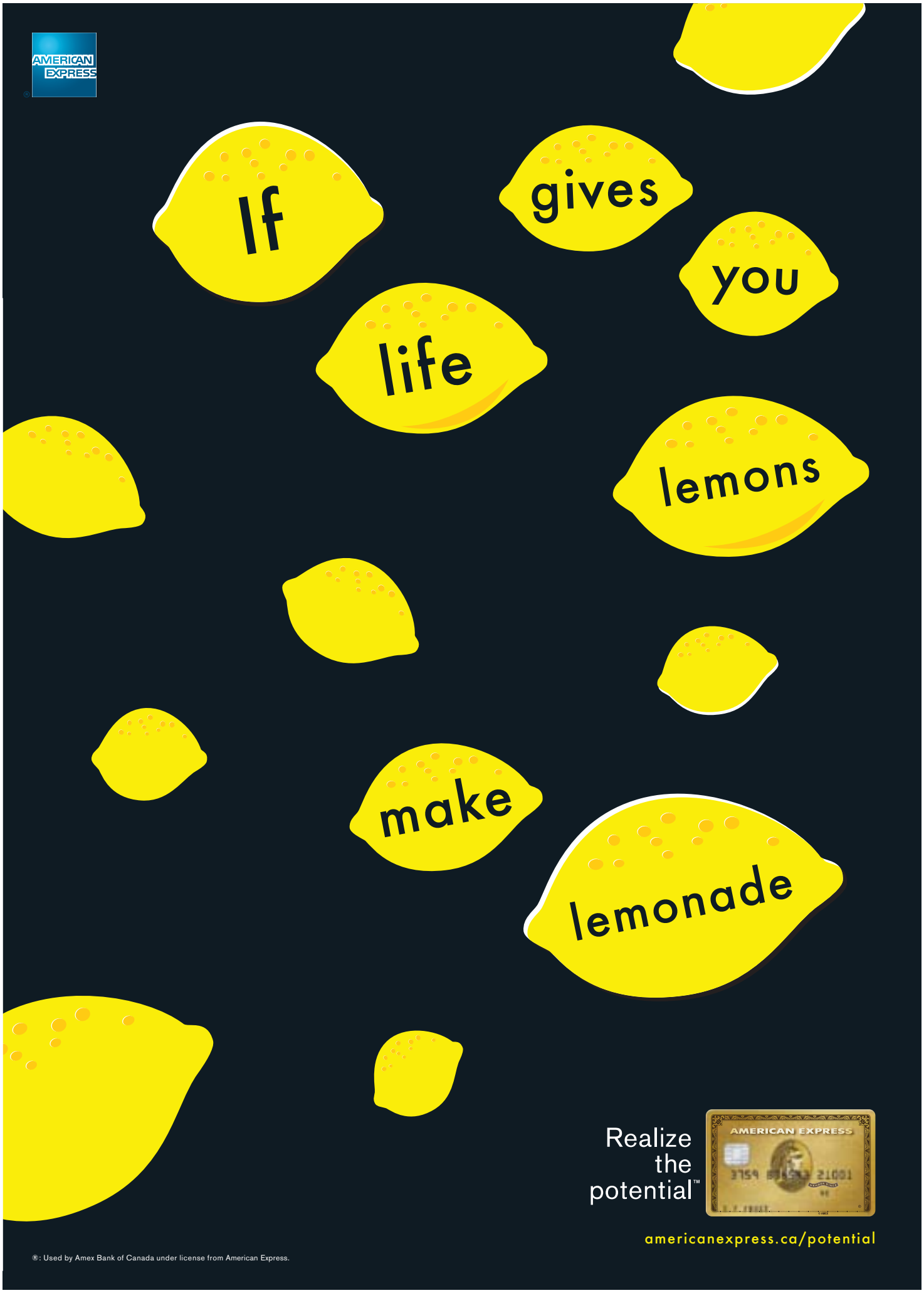
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▶ Toronto mayoral candidate Rob Ford is scheduled to be served with a notice of libel today over comments he made about a controversial vending contract in the Beach.

Fighting with Ford

- Mayoral front-runner scheduled to be served with libel notice today
- Ford has said Beaches vending-rights deal 'smacks of civic corruption'

The restaurateur family caught in the middle of a divisive election issue says it is being exploited for political gain and has initiated legal action against front-runner Rob Ford.

George Foulidis, owner of Tuggs Inc., has accused Ford of insinuating he bribed local Coun. Sandra Bussin so she would help his family secure a 20-year exclusive vending rights contract in the Eastern Beaches.

Often using the Tuggs deal as exhibit A, Ford has propelled his campaign into the lead with promises to end the wasteful spending and backroom deals at city hall.

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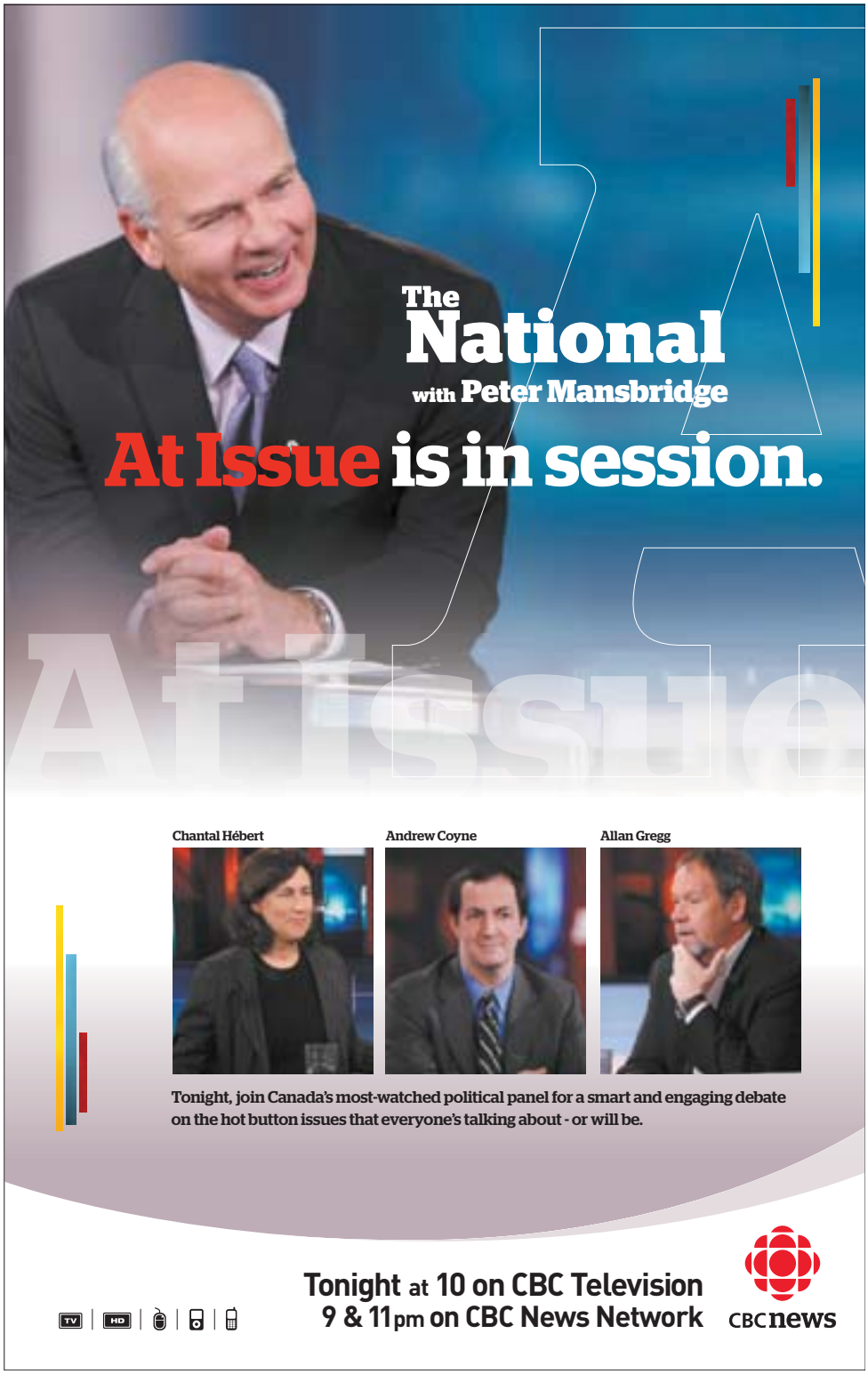

Toronto scientists' make key discovery

Researchers are a step closer to understanding why autism spectrum disorder affects four times as many boys as girls.

A study led by a team of Toronto scientists has discovered that males who carry specific genetic alterations on their X-chromosome have an elevated risk for developing autism spectrum disorder, or ASD.

"The male gender bias in autism has intrigued us for years and now we have an indicator that starts to explain why this may be," said co-principal investigator Stephen Scherer, director of the Centre for Applied Genomics at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Boys inherit one X-chromosome from their mother and one Y-chromosome from their father, explained Scherer. "If a boy's X-chromosome is missing the PTCHD1 gene or other nearby DNA sequences, they will be at high risk of developing ASD or intellectual disability.

1% The researchers, whose work is published this week in the journal Science Translational Medicine, found that about one per cent of boys with ASD had mutations related to the PTCHD1 gene on the X-chromosome.

"Girls are different in that, even if they are missing one PTCHD1 gene, by nature they always carry a second X-chromosome, shielding them from ASD. While these women are protected, autism could appear in future generations of boys in their families."

Autism spectrum disorder affects an estimated one in every 165 children, and often includes problems communicating and interacting with others, unusual patterns of behaviour and intellectual disability.

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Bridge just as good as tunnel, Rossi says

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▶ Rocco Rossi

Rocco Rossi says he is in support of a fixed link to the island airport, whether it is a pedestrian tunnel built below Lake Ontario or an above-water bridge that would be accessible to cars.

"Like my Toronto tunnel proposal … I believe a bridge or tunnel to the island airport would create jobs and economic growth in the city," Rossi said in a statement.

"The island airport is a huge asset to the people of Toronto and a Rossi city hall will support its success, not hinder it."

Both the port authority and Porter Airlines — the main tenant at the airport — are in favour of a pedestrian tunnel, an idea Rossi has come out in support of since early this year.

But if for some reason that plan does not go through, Rossi would not oppose a bridge, whether it would be pedestrian or car.

The estimated cost for the 120-metre pedestrian tunnel is pegged at $45 million. In the 2003 election, Mayor David Miller made killing plans to build a bridge to the island airport central to his campaign.

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McMaster alums give school $3M

A group of university buddies are banding together almost 50 years later to donate more than $3 million to their alma mater.

The six friends were engineering graduates at McMaster University in Hamilton back in 1962.

The money will help establish the Class of '62 Mechanical Engineering Chair in Eco-Entrepreneurship as well as a fund for sustainable entrepreneurship.

The funds will be available to support students in developing innovations.

It is the largest donation ever made to the faculty of engineering, the school says in a release.

Patrick Deane, president and vice-chancellor of McMaster University called the donation "generous" and "visionary."

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$3M: The sequel

- The group of donors includes Walter Booth, who is chairman of the Woodstock, Ont.-based Timberland Group.
- The gift builds on the $3 million previously donated by Booth to help establish the School of Engineering Practice.

Game based on real-life horror still up

Montreal police says there's little they can do to have game removed

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▶ Dawson College gunman Kimveer Gill

The creator of a controversial online video game where players pretend to be the gunman in Montreal's 2006 Dawson College rampage has refused to take it down.

The flash animation game "Dawson College Massacre!" has created considerable controversy and prompted an online backlash against its designer and the sites hosting it.

A description says the game's aim is to "storm Dawson College with your favourite rifle, and kill those students and kill any cops you can."

In an online post yesterday, the creator defended his game by saying it brought attention to an important issue.

"I am sorry for any pain the game has caused, but I do not think this game will be removed from the Internet.

"It was created to bring attention to the reality of school shootings."

One website had already taken the game down by yesterday afternoon while three others — all U.S.-based sites — hadn't.

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N.S. groups vouch for gun registry

A coalition of women's groups, police chiefs and emergency room staff in Nova Scotia is urging Ottawa to maintain the long-gun registry, arguing the program is critical to fighting domestic violence.

Members of two women's crisis groups, Halifax's police chief and the provincial nurses' union said yesterday that the federal government would do away with a valuable source of data and hamper investigations if it scraps the registry.

Pamela Harrison, executive director of the Transition House Association of Nova Scotia, said her groups use the program to find out what weapons are in a home where spousal abuse is suspected.

"It's extraordinarily important in terms of preventing women's death," she said at a news conference in Halifax.

"We use the registry all the time, particularly in cases that have the greatest risk of lethality."

Harrison said the registry, which requires gun owners to declare their rifles and shotguns, makes potential abusers aware that justice officials know they own weapons, and that may be a deterrent.

She said it's valuable because it can be used to set conditions and restrictions on gun possession for people who have been charged with offences, which women's advocates say increases safety.

The coalition issued the call to save the registry one week before federal MPs vote on a private member's bill to kill it.

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"Access to guns is the fifth-highest of 18 risk factors in spousal homicides. ... We believe the registry is one more tool that will help keep our citizens safe."

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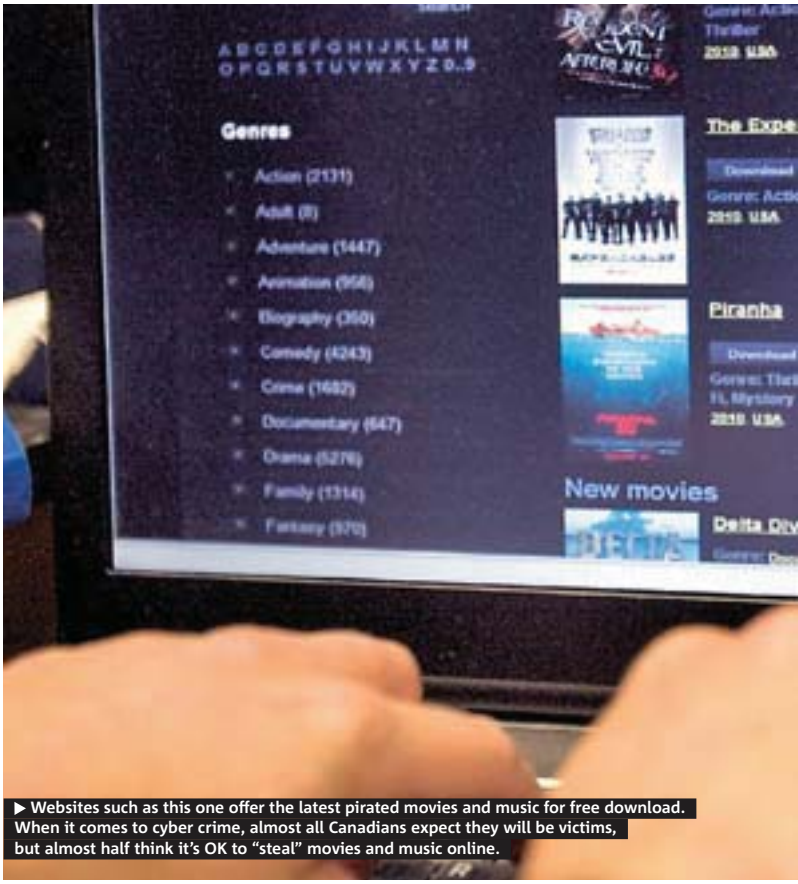

▶ Websites such as this one offer the latest pirated movies and music for free download. When it comes to cyber crime, almost all Canadians expect they will be victims, but almost half think it's OK to "steal" movies and music online.

Study: Web crime fears common

- 11 per cent of survey respondents thought it was OK to impersonate someone online
- 12 per cent thought it was ethical to browse through someone else's files and email

When it comes to cyber crime, almost all Canadians expect they will be victims, but almost half think it's OK to "steal" movies and music online, a survey suggests.

Almost all Canadians surveyed — 99 per cent — in the new cyber crime study expect they will be victims of online fraud, experience identity theft or "something bad is going to happen to them" online.

"It is gloomy," said Lynn Hargrove, director of consumer solutions for Symantec Canada, an antivirus software maker that did a global study on cyber crime's human impact.

"It's almost all of us. I think they have more of a sense of online doom," Hargrove said of Canadians.

Despite the feeling of helplessness about cyber crime, almost 50 per cent of Canadians believed it was OK to "steal" music and movies from the Internet, the survey found.

"Obviously, cyber criminals are taking advantage of free. They want to steal your personal information to sell."
LYNN HARGROVE, OF ANTIVIRUS COMPANY SYMANTEC CANADA

Free does have a price, though. Hargrove noted that organized crime can put malware on content that is being downloaded for free, leaving people exposed to having their personal information silently stolen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ RCMP Cpl. Louis Robertson of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre said prevention programs about cyber crime need to be developed for today's young people, who often take the Internet and their cellphones for granted as their primary communication tools.

Impact of crime

Symantec calculated the cost to resolve a cyber crime at $582, which includes the purchase of new software and hardware, lost money, and expert advice.

- The survey concluded that it took 17 days to resolve a cyber crime.
- 97 per cent of those surveyed expected that a cyber crime would happen to them.
- 64 per cent of respondents have experienced some kind of cyber crime.
- About three-quarters of respondents felt responsible for crimes that had happened to them.
- The survey found that 85 per cent of Canadians didn't believe that cyber criminals would be brought to justice, feeding into the victim mentality.

RCMP tips

RECOGNIZE 'FACELESS' CRIME

RCMP Cpl. Louis Robertson of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre said because the Internet is "faceless," people can feel helpless when it comes to cyber crime.

"You can receive an email without knowing where it's coming from," Robertson said from North Bay.

"Why are we helpless? Because we still don't know what to do when we have an Internet problem," he said, noting the web knows no borders.

The anti-fraud centre asks consumers to recognize telephone and online fraud and report it.

Consumers need to be aware that organized crime uses malicious software, viruses and email scams to get personal information like passwords to bank accounts, credit card numbers, and also for identity theft, Robertson said.

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TAMIL MIGRANTS

Feds move to block release

Four more Tamil migrants who arrived in B.C. last month have been ordered released by the Immigration and Refugee Board, but federal authorities are taking their fight to have them remain behind bars to court.

Lawyers for the Canada Border Services Agency are going to court to keep another migrant imprisoned.

Three others had their releases stayed during a late-night Federal Court session on Tuesday after the agency argued it has not conclusively identified the migrants. The four ordered released Tuesday are all women.

The women are among 492 migrants who arrived in Victoria last month on the MV Sun Sea.

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Liberal fraudster avoids jail

A former Liberal party official convicted on corruption charges has seen his sentence dramatically reduced by a Quebec court. The Quebec Court of Appeal ruled yesterday that Benoit Corbeil should serve 12 months of house arrest rather than the 15-month prison sentence.

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Tories defend plan to buy stealth fighters

▶ Rona Ambrose waits to appear before the Standing Committee on National Defence on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Canadian defence contractors could land up to $12 billion in work

Defence Minister Peter MacKay led a co-ordinated ministerial attack yesterday on critics of the Tory government's plan to spend up to $9 billion on stealth fighters.

He told the Commons defence committee that without the F-35 Lightning II, Canada might not be able to effectively defend its airspace in the future.

MacKay called the Joint Strike Fighter the right plane, purchased at the right time and in the right numbers.

"The F-35 will allow us to see threats before they see us," MacKay told the committee. "The stealth capability makes it the right aircraft, not only on the existing threats, but what may come."

Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose brushed aside criticism that no competition has been held. She said the Americans decided in 2001 which defence contractor would build the newest generation of fighter aircraft.

"This is a unique project in the world. There's no precedent for this."
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Critics such as Alan Williams, the former head of defence procurement, have called that position outrageous. He pointed out the Pentagon selected defence contractor Lockheed-Martin based upon its defence requirements and not what Canada might need.

MacKay said the military's requirements were classified. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Christine O'Donnell addresses supporters after winning Delaware's Republican Senate primary Tuesday night.

Tea party conundrum

More victories for movement, but at what cost to Republicans?
Buffalo developer Carl Paladino wins New York Republican primary

A little-known conservative activist backed by the independent tea party movement won Delaware's Republican Senate primary, at the same time dealing a blow to the party's prospects for winning control of both chambers of U.S. Congress.

The victory by Christine O'Donnell was the latest sign of upheaval in a political season shaped by economic pain and exasperated voters. The success of O'Donnell and some other candidates backed by the tea party movement may hurt Republicans' chances of gaining the 10 seats they need to win control of the Senate in the Nov. 2 general election. O'Donnell now enters the fall campaign as an underdog to Democrat Chris Coons.

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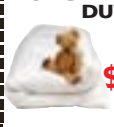

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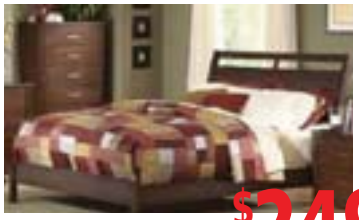

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RCMP seizes 7 tonnes of hash

33 million residents in Canada, which means the trailer contained more than a gram of hash for every five people in the country.

The Mounties seized a container packed with enough hashish to intoxicate the entire country.

Police in Montreal discovered seven tonnes of hashish — or about seven million grams. The dark, laptop-sized hash bricks were discovered in an abandoned trailer Sunday in the city's west end.

"It's a big one," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Luc Thibault said yesterday of the seizure.

Police have not made any arrests, but say they are investigating and hope to get leads from the public.

Officers found the slabs of hash shrouded in denim clothing and stuffed into cardboard boxes. The entire trailer was crammed with the drug.

A 2007 RCMP report on the drug situation in Canada pegged the average street price of hash at $10 per gram — at that rate, this seizure would be worth $70 million.

Police received a call about the mysterious trucking container, which had been sitting in a suburban storage lot for several days.

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Teen cyclist hurt in hit and run

For the second time in less than a month, there has been a hit and run involving a teenage cyclist in Essex County, in southwestern Ontario.

OPP say a pickup truck hit a 16-year-old boy riding a bicycle Tuesday night in Lakeshore.

The boy suffered a broken collarbone when he was thrown to the shoulder of the road. Police are looking for a light-coloured pickup with damage to the right front end and right side.

Last month, a 15-year-old Leamington boy was struck and killed by a vehicle while riding his bike. The driver fled but later turned himself in to police.

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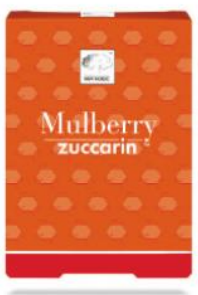

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France fires back over Roma deportations

EU president apologizes for justice commissioner's comparison to WW2 ◆ Around 15,000 Roma in France

President Nicolas Sarkozy's office fired back yesterday at European Commission criticism of France's crackdown on Gypsies, or Roma, saying some of the complaints are unacceptable.

A day earlier, EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding had called France's expulsions of Roma to Eastern Europe "a disgrace" — as well as something she "thought that Europe would not have to witness again after the Second World War."

The exchange heightened tensions between France and the European Union a day before a summit of EU leaders today in Brussels, and forced the European Commission president to go into damage control, saying Reding had not meant to compare the Second World War and today.

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▶ French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

French authorities have recently dismantled more than 100 illegal camps and sent home more than 1,000 Roma, mainly back to Romania, in a crackdown that has drawn international condemnation.

Sarkozy has called Roma camps sources of crime such as illegal trafficking and child exploitation.

The French government has objected to any comparisons between its plane flights of Gypsies — many of whom return home voluntarily with a small stipend — and the Second World War, when Europe's Gypsy populations were decimated in the Holocaust.

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Another arrest in Times Square plot

A businessman was arrested yesterday on charges he unwittingly funded a man's May attempt to bomb Times Square by providing unlicensed banking services. Mohammad Younis was accused in U.S. District Court of engaging in hawala activities, an informal banking system that relies on wire transfers, couriers and overnight mail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France. Debate

▶ Socialist members of the French National Assembly debate yesterday.

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Mideast peace talks end with no deal in sight

Aim is to reach final peace deal in one year But Palestinians launch mortars, Israelis drop bombs

A mortar attack by Palestinian militants and airstrikes by Israel formed the grim backdrop as Mideast leaders ended their latest round of peace talks yesterday, still divided on major issues. There was no word on when they would meet again.

The inconclusive U.S.-brokered talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas left in doubt the prospects for their new effort to end generations of hostilities in the region and create a sovereign Palestine alongside a secure Israel.

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▶ Hillary Rodham Clinton

Abbas and Netanyahu met with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and agreed to continue the search for a peace deal.

Militants opposed to any deal with Israel have threatened to derail the negotiations, and the Israeli military said eight mortars and one rocket hit Israel yesterday. There were no injuries.

Israeli warplanes responded by bombing a smuggling tunnel along the Gaza-Egypt border.

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Rescue. Camel

▶ Oregon firefighters work to rescue a camel, Moses, who got stuck in a sinkhole 2 metres deep after he fell in. Firefighters were called by the Oregon City owners of the camel, who have several camels and run a children's ministry.

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Pakistan offers intel in fight against Taliban

Washington has been pushing closer ties between Afghanistan, Pakistan as a way of reducing tension

Pakistan's intelligence services are willing to work more closely with Afghanistan to fight Taliban militants, the president said yesterday after talks with the Afghan leader focussed on allegations Islamabad is harbouring Afghan insurgents.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai made a veiled reference to the existence of terrorist hideouts on the Pakistani side of their shared border. He said he and President Asif Ali Zardari had discussed ways to tackle the sanctuaries and training grounds, but did not say whether anything had been agreed.

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▶ Hamid Karzai

"The reality is that they (the militants) must have a base somewhere," he said. "Those who are attacking us in Afghanistan and those who are attacking you in Pakistan don't come from, say, the Ivory Coast or Burkina Faso or Brazil or any other place you can imagine," he said.

In recent weeks, Karzai and other Afghan government officials have made increasingly strong statements against Pakistan's alleged support of militants, echoing long-held complaints by American officials.

It was not clear, however, if the offer was endorsed by Pakistan's military and intelligence establishment, which dictates the country's foreign and security policies, especially in regard to Afghanistan.

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▶ The Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Louis S. St-Laurent makes its way through the ice yesterday in Baffin Bay.

Arctic sea ice keeps melting

- Previous data showed sea ice had almost recovered
- But warmest April on record made short work of it

Arctic sea ice levels have reached their third-lowest level on record, opening a highway for northern mariners but causing concern for the mammals that live there.

Scientists at the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center in Colorado released their preliminary assessment yesterday of minimum sea ice levels across the Arctic this year.

The figure dropped to 4.76 million square kilometres, the third-lowest since satellites began keeping track. It is also nearly 40 per cent less than the 20-year average. Last year's minimum was 5.1 million square kilometres.

The centre released that information on the same day the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that, at an average of 14.7 degrees, the first eight months of 2010 were tied with 1998 as the hottest on record to that point. The hottest year on record for the full year is 2005.

The 2010 figure for sea ice destroys early optimism that Arctic sea ice was recovering. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nigerian campaign takes to Facebook

Goodluck Jonathan kicks off re-election campaign on social-networking site Few of his countrymen have Internet access

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▶ Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan announced yesterday on Facebook he will run in the oil-rich nation's January election, ending months of speculation over his plans after he assumed power following the death of the elected leader.

Jonathan's announcement, as well as a campaign rally yesterday by former military dictator Ibrahim Babangida, signalled the start of campaigning ahead of the Jan. 22 presidential election in Africa's most populous nation. But with the polls only four months away and voting equipment yet to be purchased, Nigeria could see a repeat of the notoriously corrupt elections that have plagued the country since it became a democracy a decade ago.

Nigeria is a top supplier of crude oil to the U.S., putting additional importance on a peaceful transition of power in the nation of 150 million.

While Babangida took to a stage with a traditional stump speech, Jonathan announced his candidacy through a message on his profile on the social-networking website Facebook. Jonathan's decision, coming in a country where most earn less than $1 a day and few have access to the Internet, appeared to be an attempt to divert attention from Babangida. It also ended months of speculation over whether the politician fond of bowler hats and the traditional black caftans of the Niger Delta would contest.

Bolaji Adebiyi, a special assistant to Jonathan, confirmed the Facebook message came from the president.

"I make no pretense that I have a magic wand that will solve all of Nigeria's problems or that I am the most intelligent Nigerian — far from it," Jonathan's message read.

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Protest. Pope

▶ Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests members Therese Albrecht, from left, Barbara Blaine, and Barbara Dorris display photos of themselves when they were children, as they protest against the Pope's visit yesterday in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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Victims 'want action'

Victims of childhood abuse by clergy urged the Vatican to give secular authorities all information it holds on misbehaving priests, and said yesterday the pope's visit this week to Britain would cause many survivors pain and distress. The Catholic Church has apologized for abuses by clergy over several decades, but Britain's National Association for People Abused in Childhood said victims "want action."

We'll have nun of that — Britain bans ice cream ad

Britain's advertising watchdog has banned an Italian ice cream ad featuring a pregnant nun, saying it causes offence to Catholics.

The magazine ad for ice cream maker Antonio Federici showed the nun eating a tub of ice cream, with text that read: "Immaculately conceived ... Ice cream is our religion."

The Advertising Standards Authority said yesterday it has received 10 complaints from magazine readers who said the ad was offensive to Christians.

The agency said imagery used to illustrate immaculate conception was likely to be seen as mocking the beliefs of Roman Catholics.

The Italian company responded by saying that the idea of conception represented the development of its ice cream and the ad aimed to gently satirize religion.

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Migraine attack leaves woman with new accent

Many diagnosed with condition have never had any exposure to the country where accent comes from

A woman from a village in southwestern England says a severe migraine attack left her speaking with what sounds like a French accent — a striking example of a rare syndrome that neuroscientists say can leave lifelong locals sounding like they come from thousands of miles away.

Kay Russell appeared on the BBC earlier this week, speaking in a hesitant, husky voice, drawing out her vowels with an accent that sounded roughly French, or occasionally Eastern European.

The broadcaster also showed a video of Russell before the change, in which she speaks to the camera in a chirpy southern English accent.

Russell shook her head and smiled sadly as the video played.

"When I see that, I see the person I used to be," the 49-year-old said.

"It's not my voice I miss. I would love to have my own voice back, but it goes way, way, way beyond my voice."

It wasn't exactly clear what happened to Russell in January when the migraine attack struck — a number for her could not be located and there was no immediate response to an attempt to reach her through her previous employer.

The BBC identified her condition as Foreign Accent Syndrome, known only in a few dozen cases across the world.

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Other cases

Previous cases have included people whose newly found accents sounded German, Spanish, Welsh, Italian or Irish. In 2006, a woman from the northern England city of Newcastle reportedly swapped a Geordie twang for a Jamaican inflection following a stroke.

SEX CRIMES CASE

Delay in trial of ex-gym teacher

A trial has been postponed for a high-school gym teacher accused of having a lengthy sexual relationship with one of her students.

Tania Pontbriand has pleaded not guilty to the three charges she is facing.

She is charged with two counts of sexually exploiting a minor and one count of sexual assault against a male student at Rosemere High School, north of Montreal.

The Crown said the delay was made necessary because there is new evidence in the case.

The alleged relationship with the student began in 2002 and lasted until 2004 when she ended it.

The student did not immediately file a complaint with police and charges were laid in September 2008.

Pontbriand was suspended from her job pending the outcome of her trial.

The case returns to court in November.

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Karl gives Mexico a taste of what's ahead

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▶ This image, taken at 4:15 a.m. yesterday, shows, from left, tropical storm Karl, hurricane Igor and hurricane Julia.

Storm expected to strengthen into a hurricane by week's end

A strong tropical storm Karl made landfall on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula yesterday, hitting a sparsely populated stretch of Caribbean coast, while two Category 4 hurricanes roared further out in the Atlantic.

Karl made landfall about 50 kilometres up the coast from the Quintana Roo state capital of Chetumal, with winds of up to 100 kilometres per hour, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The storm hit about midway between the cruise ship port of Majahual and the coastal town of Xcalak.

Electricity went out briefly around Majahual.

Authorities on the Yucatan warned of heavy rains but said they saw no need yet for evacuations.

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Outgoing BP chief gets softer grilling

Hayward tells U.K. lawmakers Gulf spill shouldn't end deepwater drilling Denies attempts to reduce costs may have worsened disaster

Outgoing BP CEO Tony Hayward said yesterday that he understood anger directed at the energy giant in the wake of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, but insisted his company had a strong safety record and was not solely to blame.

Testifying before a British parliamentary committee in London, he acknowledged BP had failed both to stop the spill and to plan adequately to respond to an accident of that scale.

Hayward appeared relaxed and confident addressing lawmakers in his native Britain, unlike at a testy hearing before the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee in June, when he faced angry accusations that he was stonewalling.

He said the explosion was "devastating to me personally," and insisted that standards on safety and training would improve industry wide. But he said it would be wrong to attach blame only to BP.

"No single factor caused the accident, and multiple parties including BP, Haliburton and Transocean were involved," he said.

Hayward was repeatedly pressed on whether he believed the response in the U.S. had been unfair. But he declined to criticize the reaction from the White House or Americans.

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▶ Outgoing BP CEO Tony Hayward gives evidence in the London House of Commons yesterday to the British parliamentary committee studying the fallout of the Gulf of Mexico spill and the future of deepwater drilling.

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Former Harper aide quits Fox News North

Teneycke says controversy morphed from market differentiation to something more vicious and vitriolic

The controversy over a proposed new TV network that opponents dubbed Fox News North has taken down a top player in the deal.

Kory Teneycke has resigned as vice-president of development at Quebecor Media and head of the Sun newspaper group's Ottawa bureau, citing the often-bitter battle over the birth of Sun TV news.

Luc Lavoie, a longtime spokesman for former prime minister Brian Mulroney, will take over from Teneycke.

Teneycke said part of the problem was his jump into journalism fresh from the Prime Minister's Office.

"The perception problems associated with such a quick move from active politics to overseeing a bureau covering the very government you just worked for are obvious." With all this baggage weighing on him and the TV bid, he said he had to resign.

Ricken Patel of Avaaz, an international advocacy group that strongly opposed Teneycke and the TV proposal, welcomed the departure.

"The resignation of Prime Minister Harper's former spin doctor from the leadership of one of Canada's most-powerful news organizations is a battle won in a longer fight against crony-media in Canada," Patel said in a statement.

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▶ Sun TV vice-president of development Kory Teneycke speaks with the media yesterday in Ottawa.

Under fire

The new Sun TV news network has been under fire for months.

- **Licence.** Critics complained Sun TV is seeking a "must-carry" licence designation, which would force it on viewers.
- **Ties.** Other critics spoke of close ties to America's Fox News.
- **Interference** Still others hinted of political interference in the regulator's consideration of the Sun bid for a broadcast licence.
- **Content.** The new network proposes to broadcast a mix of hard news and opinion and Kory Teneycke said a variety of voices on the air can only be good for the country.
- **Outlook.** Teneycke said he still believes in the Sun TV project as a way of offering Canadians new outlooks.

News in brief

Factory sales dipped in July

STATISTICS. Manufacturing sales fell 0.9 per cent in July to $44.3 billion but were still 15.5 per cent higher than their low in May 2009.

Statistics Canada says decreases were focused in three key industries — vehicles, paper products and furniture.

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Kinross takes over Red Back

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My allegiance to the sins isn't some hedonistic desire to break the rules. I'm a straight-laced guy who never crosses at a red light and who feels uncomfortable if an Axe commercial comes on in mixed company.

It's just that so-called negative emotions are better motivators than positive ones.

Altruism? Duty? Justice? Those do-gooders have always let me down.

But wrath, pride, envy, lust, and their close cousin, fear? They've been there for all my accomplishments.

The high school accounting class I got a 70 in was "easy," but the chemistry class I got a 96 in was "hard." I needed to be scared of failure before I would do the work, and knowing I could boast about it among the other nerds made it useful.

"Altruism? Duty? Justice? Those do-gooders have always let me down. But wrath, pride, envy, lust, and their close cousin, fear? They've been there for all my accomplishments."

Meanwhile, anger pushed me into journalism when a girlfriend told me I'd never amount to anything, so I approached a newspaper with a spurned heart and a couple columns.

My hiring was made doubly delicious when I next met the ex and saw she had expanded like an inflatable raft with its rip cord pulled. Any regrets I had were quickly tucked away in the folds of her neck.

See? Terrible, hateful. And where would I be without it?

Sure, I might be "happy." But I write about bad things that happen to me. Make me happy and I'm like a country singer whose wife and dog come back. I lose my powers.

I recently signed up for a half-marathon and at first felt like I was doing it for pure reasons. But I soon realized the truth is I want pats on the back.

I'm not ready for purer motivations yet, but maybe one day in the future I'll accomplish something simply because it's the right thing to do, free of any of the sins. I picture six of them pushing me along on my bicycle without the training wheels, and when I turn back I'll realize — gasp! — they're not holding the seat anymore.

When that moment comes, I'll be proud.

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A sweet breakthrough

Worth mentioning

Some sweet science news: Researchers have released a nearly complete map of the DNA of the tree that produces chocolate.

The project to map the cacao genome was funded by candy maker Mars Inc. It finished the sequence just two years into what was supposed to be a five-year project.

Mars, the maker of Snickers, M&Ms and other candies, says it hopes the results could someday lead to more robust, higher-yielding and drought- and disease-resistant trees.

An estimated three million tons of cocoa is produced globally every year, produced primarily by small farms.

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Unlike corn, wheat and rice, cocoa is often described as an "orphan crop" because it has been the subject of little agricultural research.

With this recent breakthrough, however, scientists say they have moved closer to ensuring the success of the crop, and so, too, the success of small farmers in some of the most climate-vulnerable places on the planet.

Mars will have spent $10 million on the project by the time it's complete.

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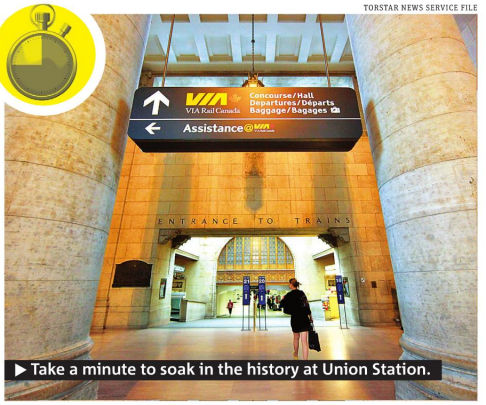

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▶ Emily Hampshire and Jay Baruchel from Good Neighbours at the ET Canada party.

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▶ Director Jacob Tierney at the ET Canada party.

Good Neighbours pop up at ET party

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The words parking garage and glamour don't often appear in the same sentence, but for four nights during this year's TIFF, ET Canada has transformed an ugly duckling industrial building into a chic "pop up club" high atop a downtown industrial building. Located in the heart of Yorkville Tuesday night ET Canada's Festival Central played host to the cast of Good Neighbours, a dark comedy starring Jay Baruchel, Scott Speedman and Emily Hampshire.

Set in Montreal's Notre-Dame-de-Grâce neighbourhood the movie mixes and matches Rear Window, Twin Peaks and, according to Baruchel, "a really uncomfortable sense of humour," to form a surprising and moody movie that's become a TIFF hit.

Wearing silver wristbands (All Access!), the stars of Good Neighbours and other celebs (including Daydream Nation's Katie Boland, singer Matt Dusk, the Olympic Kayaking Team, supermodel turned television host Monica Schnarre and talented twins Jill and Jacqueline Hennessy) walked the red carpet on their way to mix and mingle in the elegant open-air club.

Director Jacob Tierney told Metro the film was completed just before the premier.

"The print was dripping when we delivered it."

Baruchel, who saw the completed film for the first time at the premier added, "It reeks of nitrate. This is hot off the press. We just finished scoring it less than a month ago."

For full coverage of the Good Neighbours party, and a look at the fêtes for Chloe and Glorious 39, check out ET Canada weeknights at 7:30 p.m. on Global.

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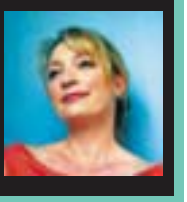
TIFF in brief



As an acclaimed British actress, Lesley Manville is never short of employment options. But when director Mike Leigh calls, she doesn't need to hear the details before she clears her calendar.

"He just says, 'Do you want to come and do my film?' And the only indication you have of how involved you'll be is how long you get booked for," Manville says.

Leigh, at TIFF with his newest project, Another Year, is known for working with the same group of top-notch actors again and again.

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Giving the U.K. an adolescence

Comedian turned director Ayoade's coming-of-age Submarine explores those awkward teen years He mined his own past for great laughs

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Submarine stars Craig Roberts and Yasmin Paige.

Richard Ayoade already made a name for himself as a comedian on British television where he's starred in cult favourites like Darkplace and The IT Crowd, but now he wants to leave that behind for a new career as a film director.

His feature length debut Submarine is one of the most pleasant surprises of this year's Toronto International Film Festival, a hilarious and dark coming-of-age comedy that revels in adolescent awkwardness and French New Wave inspired cinematic playfulness.

When speaking to Metro, Ayoade made it clear that he certainly won't miss his time in front of the camera.

"I'm sure the performances I've done will help segue myself out of the acting. So it's probably taken care of itself," joked Ayoade. "I never particularly aimed to be a performer. But I've always wanted to direct so I thought maybe performing would help."

Though he may not be willing to admit it, Ayoade is a talented actor with a gift for finely observed character comedy, which has already proved to translate into his writing and directing. The details of teenage life he mines for laughs in Submarine are embarrassingly accurate, something that Ayoade felt was missing from British film.

"It's not really a subject that exists that much in our films or TV. There would never be the equivalent of My So Called Life or The Graduate. Adolescence seems somewhat American in a way. The English are more Victorian. There's childhood and then there's adulthood and there's not allowed to be much in between. I've always liked those films and wondered if it even was possible to do in England."

The director has certainly accomplished translating this brand of humour to the U.K. in Submarine. Whether or not the film will have the same shelf life as it's influences remains to be seen.

Period setting

Richard Ayoade on Submarine's period setting.

I think these types of stories are necessarily set in the past. They always are. Even The Graduate, which came out in the summer of love looks like it's set in the early '60s or late '50s. The 400 Blows looks more like post-war France than 1959 France. They tend to be set in the childhoods of the people that made them and somehow that felt correct for me, personally.

Trigger turns into lovefest

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Bruce McDonald

For Canada's resident rock 'n' roll filmmaker Bruce McDonald, the fact that his latest movie revolves around music doesn't come as a big surprise. However, the second major influence on Trigger might catch audiences of guard.

"I was watching My Dinner With Andre one night and thought of doing a film about a night out with a couple of rock 'n' rollers," McDonald told Metro.

Louis Malle's famous film about a single dinner conversation told in real time certainly isn't the sort of movie that would seem like an obvious inspiration for the Hard Core Logo director, but that's exactly why he brought in renowned Canadian playwright and dialogue expert Daniel MacIvor to write the script.

"I immediately thought of Daniel because he's a great writer and I knew it would be a talking piece not so much a music piece," admitted the director.

Though MacIvor had acted for McDonald before the pair had never worked together as writer/director, but had always wanted to.

"Bruce understood that I'm a talker. The movies that I write are about people talking and I've been criticized for that. But that's just what I do," claimed MacIvor who spoke about the film alongside McDonald. "That's what this movie is all about, so I think it was a perfect fit for us."

The almost exclusively two-character movie was written with two of the country's finest actresses in mind (Molly Parker and the late great Tracy Wright) and their performances are worth the price of admission alone.

The two actresses, writer, and director are all longtime collaborators, making Trigger a joyful reunion for all involved and the obvious pleasure had making the film should be immediately obvious to audiences as well.

"Once people knew what we were doing they started phoning up and asking to be a part of it. So Daniel wrote parts for Don McKellar, Callum Rennie, Sarah Polley, and a few other people," said McDonald. "It was a real love fest."

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Boyle stays active

Director brings excitement in 127 Hours' story that could been plodding

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In 2008 Danny Boyle had a year most directors only dream of, seeing Slumdog Millionaire become a worldwide box office phenomena while also snagging the top Oscars.

It put him in the enviable position of being able to make any project he chose next. But rather than try to recreate that massive success, he decided to adapt Aron Ralston's remarkable true story of being trapped in a canyon for five days before being forced to amputate his own arm.

"The contrast between the billion people of India and this one guy in a canyon was kind of sweet," Boyle told Metro. "It's one of those stories that sort of snags in people's consciousness. There are lots of similar stories, but this one really seemed to resonate."

The resulting 127 Hours is an understandably grueling and visceral experience, but one filled with the director's trademark hyperkinetic visual style. It's not necessarily what you'd expect from a film about a single character trapped in one location, but that's exactly what captured Boyle's imagination.

"That was the challenge. I didn't want to make a Robert Bresson type film. I wanted it to be an action movie even though he can't move, full of momentum and vivid. I wanted it to literally vibrate in front of you and be full of contrast, gear changes, and music so that it felt rich even though the nature of it is that you're pinched in and can't move."

Boyle's film certainly succeeds in creating tremendous suspense and excitement out of a limited situation and it just might put him on the awards path again. Even though he might return to the heroin dens of Trainspotting for "the film after the next one," we can expect his next project to be another stylistic flip.

"I'm always looking to start again rather than just do a sequel or do the same thing," remarked the director.

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▶ Danny Boyle directed 127 Hours.

Boyle's style

127 Hours subject Aron Ralston On Danny Boyle

▶ **"You can see** watching 127 Hours how much the film is idiosyncratically Danny. It's spoken in the filmmaking language that you pick up in his other films from the blood and gore of 28 Days Later to the psychedelic out-of-body experiences of Trainspotting, or the vivid exuberance of Slumdog Millionaire. He's all over it. It's very much my story told by Danny Boyle."

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Caan loves a movie with a good story

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James Caan is always pleased when he gets his hands on solid, character-driven script.

He found just that with Henry's Crime, where he plays a prison patriarch that he immediately connected to . Caan liked the character's complex personality and putting him in set of real world circumstances "which we don't see anymore. When this came about I was looking, you wouldn't believe the crap scripts I get. There aren't enough with good old-fashioned storytelling."

"And this thing was never like Hamlet, it wasn't meant to cure cancer, it was just an old-fashioned little bit of fun. … What was important was that it has a beginning, a middle, and an end, and there's character. And if the audience leaves with a smile on their faces, then they enjoyed it, then we've done our jobs. There's no big message in there, it's just an old fashioned kind of movie, at least that's what I think."

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▶ James Caan

Caan accepted the part from director Malcolm Venville on condition that he got to tweak him to his liking.

"I changed that whole thing. When I first came in he was written for more like a Woody Allan kind of guy, talking philosophy and nonsense. I thought if he was a con guy he would be more fun, the truth of the matter is stuff becomes a big job. If you lie to people, you have to remember who you lied to."

In Henry's Crime Caan stars opposite Keanu Reeves, who plays a jailhouse innocent serving time for a crime he didn't commit. Despite having different personalities, they got along well.

"We're just day and night, I'm pretty much of an extrovert, not that one is good and one is bad, and he's very quiet and introverted, so that kind of worked, even when I made him laugh, he tried not to."

Girlfriend lets Sneider show off he has acting chops

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Breaking down barriers and living his silver screen dream, actor Evan Sneider is proof that talent conquers all.

The 31-year-old actor with Down syndrome stars in the film Girlfriend, which premiered at the TIFF this week.

Sneider shines in his first feature-length role as a man caught between the woman he longs for and her abusive ex-boyfriend. It's a part that requires subtlety and sophistication and Sneider's nuanced performance is a cornerstone for the entire film.

Boston-born Sneider has pursued acting for most of his life and has performed in more than 20 community theatre productions as well as having a small role in the short film The Replacement Child in 2007. He sees his role in Girlfriend as his big break into the career he's dreamed of since childhood.

"I always wanted to be an actor — it truly has been my dream and passion to do stage work and films and I hope to continue to pursue an acting career," Sneider said

Girlfriend is the feature-film directorial debut of Justin Lerner who also wrote and produced the film. Lerner says Sneider's secret weapon as an actor is an innate ability to tap into direct personal emotions in scenes.

▶ Evan Sneider, right, and Shannon Woodward star in Girlfriend.

"The emotional connection makes you an actor and Evan has that. He felt everything as the character and actors take classes for years to get to that place," Lerner said.

Sneider credits his work in Girlfriend to the friendship and support of Lerner and the entire cast and crew.

"I'm so glad to be working with such a wonderful cast and crew. They've all given me so much support and what they've done for me has really touched my heart. Being in this film is a really moving experience for me," Sneider said.

Thursday

9 a.m.
•The Bang Bang Club, Varsity 8
9:30 a.m.
•Sensation, Varsity 7
11 a.m.
•Peep World, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
12 p.m.
•Blue Valentine, Varsity 8
•Dirty Girl, Ryerson
12:30 p.m.
•Distant Varsity 7
2 p.m.
•13 Assassins, AMC 2
2:15 p.m.
•The Ditch, AMC 10
•Half of Oscar, AMC 4
2:30 p.m.
•What's Wrong With Virginia, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
•Microphone, AMC 6
•Mavericks: Ken Loach & Paul Laverty, TIFF Bell Lightbox 2
2:45 p.m.
•In a Better World, AMC 5
3 p.m.
•Insidious, AMC 9
•Meek's Cutoff, Ryerson
•The First Grader, Varsity 8
•Black Ocean, AMC 3
3:30 p.m.
•Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale, AMC 7
•The Call, Varsity 7
4:45 p.m.
•A Screaming Man, Isabel Bader Theatre
5 p.m.
•Leap Year, AMC 4
5:15 p.m.
•Mother of Rock: Lillian Roxon, AMC 2
5:30 p.m.
•I Saw the Devil, Scotiabank Theatre 2
•The Autobiography of Nicolae Ceausescu, AMC 10
•Zephyr, TIFF Bell Lightbox 2
5:45 p.m.
•The House by the Medlar Tree, AMC 6
6 p.m.
•Lope, TIFF Bell Lightbox 1
The Poll Diaries, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
•Over Your Cities Grass Will Grow, AMC 9
•Silent Souls, Varsity 8
•A Horrible Way to Die, AMC 2
•The Fourth Portrait, AMC 5
•Three, Ryerson
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•The Hunter, AMC 7
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•Casino Jack, Roy Thomson Hall
•Tender Son - The Frankenstein Project, Varsity 7
•The Christening, AMC 3
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•Heartbeats Varsity 8
7:45 p.m.
•Even the Rain, Isabel Bader Theatre
8 p.m.
•Sandcastle, AMC 4
8:30 p.m.
•Home for Christmas, Scotiabank Theatre 2
8:45 p.m.
•As If I Am Not There, AMC 6
9 p.m.
•Nostalgia for the Light, AMC 5
•Rio Sex Comedy, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
•Monsters, Ryerson
•Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom
•Flame, TIFF Bell Lightbox 1
•Chico & Rita, Varsity 8
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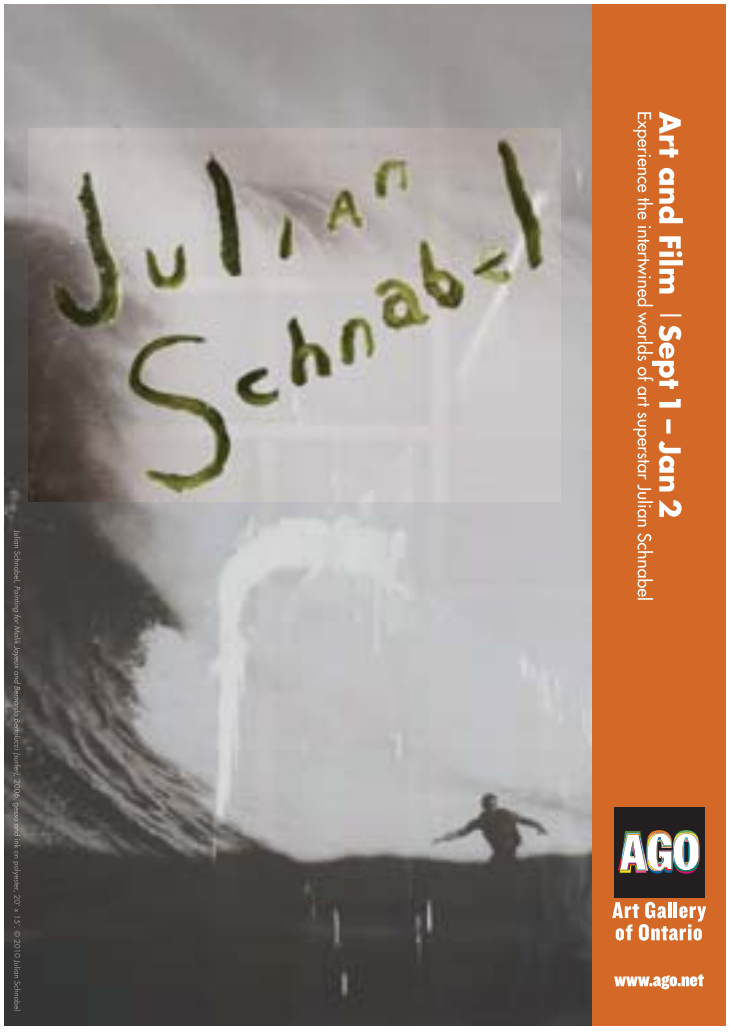

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•The Poll Diaries, Varsity 8
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•A Night for Dying Tigers, AMC 6
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•Silent Souls, Scotiabank Theatre 4
•The Solitude Of Prime Numbers, Isabel Bader Theatre
5 p.m.
•L' Amour Fou Varsity 8
•ANPO, AMC 2
•Bunraku, Scotiabank Theatre 2
•I Wish I Knew, Jackman Hall AGO
•The Autobiography of Nicolae Ceausescu, AMC 9
5:15 p.m.
•My Only Sunshine, AMC 5
•The First Grader, Scotiabank Theatre 1
5:30 p.m.
•Behind Blue Skies, Scotiabank Theatre 3
•The Christening, AMC 4
5:45 p.m.
•Mandoo, AMC 3
6 p.m.
•Easy A, Ryerson
•The Majority, Scotiabank Theatre 11
•The Whistleblower, TIFF Bell Lightbox 1
•Aftershock, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
6:15 p.m.
•Moscow 11:19:31 | k.364 A Journey by Train, Varsity 7
6:30 p.m.
•Make Believe, TIFF Bell Lightbox 2
•A Beginner's Guide to Endings, Roy Thomson Hall
•The Butcher, the Chef, and the Swordsman, AMC 6
7 p.m.
•Water, TIFF Bell Lightbox 3
7:45 p.m.
•The Big Picture, Isabel Bader Theatre
•You Are Here, AMC 2
•Rio Sex Comedy, Scotiabank Theatre 4
•Three, Varsity 8
8 p.m.
•Cirkus Columbia, Scotiabank Theatre 2
•Dark Cloud, AMC 4
•Hair, Jackman Hall AGO
8:15 p.m.
•Armadillo, Scotiabank Theatre 3
8:30 p.m.
•Cold Fish, AMC 3
•Monsters, Scotiabank Theatre 1
•Norberto´s Deadline, Varsity 7
8:45 p.m.
•October, Scotiabank Theatre 11
•The Call, AMC 5
9 p.m.
•That Girl in Yellow Boots, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
•Poetry, TIFF Bell Lightbox 1
•Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale, AMC 7
•Confessions, Ryerson
9:30 p.m.
•Janie Jones, Roy Thomson Hall
•Small Town Murder Songs, AMC 6
•Gorbaciòf - The Cashier who Liked Gambling, TIFF Bell Lightbox 2
10:45 p.m.
•Deep in the Woods, Isabel Bader Theatre
11:59 p.m.
•Stake Land, Ryerson

TIFF Galas

THURSDAY
9 a.m.
The Bang Bang Club, Varsity 8
11 a.m.
Peep World, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
6:30 p.m.
Casino Jack, Roy Thomson Hall
9:30 p.m.
Sarah's Key, Roy Thomson Hall

TIFF Movie reviews

See it twice ●●●●● | See it now ●●●● | Worth watching ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

Blue Valentine
Genre: Drama/Romance
Director: Derek Cianfrance
Stars: Michelle Williams, Ryan Gosling
●●●½
Whether one thinks Blue Valentine is a sincere meditation on the fragility of relationships or an actors' showcase for Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams, there's no doubt it works: Juxtaposing the (possible) end of a marriage with halcyon scenes of its beginnings, director Derek Cianfrance understands how to hit a nerve. There are flaws (like an overplayed blowout argument in a hospital and an obtrusive score by indie heroes Grizzly Bear), but the sheer power of the performances carries the day.
ADAM NAYMAN

Sarah's Key
Genre: Drama
Director: Gilles Paquet-Brenner
Stars: Kristin Scott Thomas, Aidan Quinn
●●½
Kristin Scott Thomas is a journalist obsessed by the story of a Jewish girl called Sarah, whose story of sacrifice and love during the Nazi occupation of France reveals the grim realities of French collaboration. She locks her infant brother in a cupboard to hide him from police rounding up Jews to send to French labour camps, a fate she and her parents cannot escape. But Sarah makes a daring daylight escape and begins her walk to Paris to find and save her brother. Cut to modern day: Thomas' focus on the riddle of Sarah's later life takes its toll on her marriage and career. It's an earnest film illuminated by top notch performances by Thomas and Quinn, but falls short of a gem.
ANNE BRODIE

Easy A
Genre: Comedy
Director: Will Gluck
Stars: Emma Stone, Thomas Haden Church, Patricia Clarkson
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A surprisingly hilarious comedy about a good girl (Emma Stone) willfully accepting a less than ladylike reputation at her school to help her fellow rejects and create some semblance of a social life. The script is filled with loving nods to the '80s teen flicks of John Hughes and The Scarlet Letter, and it's a mini-miracle that the resulting film doesn't crumble under the invited comparisons. All credit goes to a playful and talented cast as well as a team of filmmakers who somehow found life left in the high-school comedy. Some overly knowing Diablo Cody-esque dialogue aside, this is far more fun than it should be
PHIL BROWN

Of Gods and Men
Genre: Drama
Director: Xavier Beauvois
Stars: Lambert Wilson, Michael Lonsdale
●●●●½
A patient build yields a deeply emotional payoff in Xavier Beauvois' fact-based drama, which focuses on a group of French monks living in an isolated Algerian monastery. Faced with the arrival of violent Islamic extremists, the brothers contemplate abandoning their post — and their flock. The ensuing meditation on faith and the recognizance of one's own mortality is gripping and exquisitely rendered.
ADAM NAYMAN

The Bang Bang Club
Genre: Drama
Director: Steven Silver
Stars: Ryan Phillippe, Malin Ackerman and Taylor Kitsch
●●●½
The Bang Bang Club was a name given to four international news photographers who covered South Africa's civil war in the waning days of white rule in the early '90s. Put in the centre of combat, high on adrenaline and invincibility, they shot the pictures that opened the world's eyes to the bloodbath while dealing with the moral, personal, and political meaning of it all. This is a well made film about four heroic men in a world gone crazy, none of whom were actually invincible.
ANNE BRODIE

Trigger
Genre: Drama
Director: Bruce McDonald
Stars: Tracy Wright, Molly Parker, Don McKellar
●●●●
Bruce McDonald's latest is a rock n' roll variation on A Dinner With Andre that's somehow more entertaining and insightful than that description suggests. Two former bandmates meet up for a dinner and concert, chatting away about their lives, music, death, and inevitably their long-standing troubles with drugs and alcohol. The central performances by Molly Parker and the late Tracy Wright — for whom Trigger, in an extraordinary swansong — are remarkable, keeping the film constantly engaging when they are often the only people onscreen. It's one of the strongest and most perceptive movies McDonald has ever made, thanks in no small part to a stellar script from Daniel MacIvor.
PHIL BROWN

I Wish I Knew
Genre: Documentary
Director: Jia Zhangke
Stars: Zhao Tao, Lim Giong, Lin Xudong
●●●●
Jia Zhangke's last film, 24 City, was about the difficulty of locating a personal perspective within Chinese history. His follow-up, I Wish I Knew, continues the project while narrowing its scope to a single city — Shanghai. Contrasting archival footage with contemporary images captured by the great cinematographer Yin Luk-wai, Jia locates the city as the epicentre of an entire country's social and economic upheaval. This is less a documentary than a cinematic essay, and it's heady, rewarding stuff.
ADAM NAYMAN

Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives
Genre: Comdey/Fantasy
Director: Apichatpong Weerasethakul
Stars: Sakda Kaewbuadee, Thanapat Saisaymar
●●●●●
Thai wunderkind Apichatpong Weerasathakul's Palme D'Or winner lives up to the hype and then some. This gentle, wondrous narrative of recurrence and reincarnation — focused on the last days of a dying farmer — is cinema at is most adventurous. Not to mention generous: even as his formal mastery grows, Apichatpong leaves plenty of space for the viewer to tease out the film's supple, suggestive meanings. Indelible image: a jungle nighttime dotted by the glowing eyes of indigenous phantoms, watching us watching them.
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A step back in time

Actor Michael Pitt throws himself into gritty and complex role in new HBO drama set at dawn of Prohibition Comparisons made to Sopranos

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▶ Michael Pitt (left) stars opposite Steve Buscemi in the new Prohibition-era TV drama Boardwalk Empire on HBO.

Boardwalk Empire — HBO's wondrous new drama, which begins its 12-episode season Sunday — is set in 1920, the dawn of Prohibition.

Young Jimmy Darmody is just a month back from the Great War. He hates that the war made him "a murderer." He hates his bum leg, blasted by enemy shrapnel. And he nurses contempt for his former mentor, Enoch "Nucky" Thompson, who rules Atlantic City, N.J., as the town's favours-granting, graft-collecting treasurer.

The series boasts a robust cast including Steve Buscemi (as Nucky), Gretchen Mol, Dabney Coleman, Kelly Macdonald and, in a breakout portrayal as Jimmy, Michael Pitt.

Here is a simmering, gum-chewing fellow in a newsboy's cap, ruthless yet sympathetic as he plots how to cut in on Nucky's outlaw liquor ring.

Pitt says he threw himself into the role, down to Jimmy's limp.

"I had a brace with a stick on the back of my knee," he reports. "So, from the moment I got on set in costume to the end of the day, I couldn't walk without a limp. Every day for seven months. "I found myself staying in character a lot. Even when I wasn't shooting, I was still working. I wasn't going out, I wasn't seeing friends. It's the only acting trick I've learned, to try to obsess."

"I found myself staying in character ... even when I wasn't shooting."
MICHAEL PITT, ACTOR

Inevitably noted for his baby face, arresting blue eyes and pouty, pillowy lips, the 29-year-old West Orange, N.J.-native seized on acting because, he says: "I liked the attention."

But he explains it evolved into a craft, which was a positive thing in his life.

Pitt has tackled roles in more than a dozen varied, often offbeat films that include the disturbing thriller Funny Games, The Dreamers, a pair of movies by Gus Van Sant and Hedwig and the Angry Inch — the 2001 musical in which he played a teenage Jesus freak who rips off a transsexual wannabe rock star.

A decade ago, he was a regular on Dawson's Creek, but walked away from that hit teen melodrama after 15 episodes. It wasn't what he wanted.

Boardwalk Empire has been plenty satisfying, Pitt says, while claiming to have "only scratched the surface" this first season.

Production wrapped in June, but the role of Jimmy and the era he inhabits "is still there. I'm still digesting it."

Like The Sopranos, this new series has dimension, unexpected twists and dark humour — plus startling eruptions of violence.
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Housewives' Salahi says she has MS

Michaele Salahi, who gained notoriety with her husband by crashing a glitzy White House state dinner, says in a new book that she suffers from multiple sclerosis — a potentially debilitating disease.

Billed as a tell-all book written with the couple's co-operation, Cirque Du Salahi, by Diane Dimond offers little new information about the incident last year that sparked a high-profile government criminal investigation and made the couple minor celebrities after they arrived at the White House with a camera crew filming footage for the reality show that aired eight months later.

But they were not on any of the guest lists and did not receive the typical engraved invitation to the exclusive event.

That the Salahis were able to get into the White House and so close to the president without being on a guest list prompted changes to security policies, the punishment of three Secret Service officers and a criminal investigation that hasn't yet led to charges.

Multiple sclerosis, Salahi says, explains her rail-thin physique. She rejects suggestions by others that she suffers from an eating disorder.

Salahi, 44, and a central figure on Bravo's reality show Real Housewives of D.C., was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis when she was 28, according to the book. Her symptoms include tingling sensations and exhaustion, especially in stressful situations.
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▶ Michaela Salahi and husband Tareq Salahi.

TV watch list

The Donald is baaaaaack

COMPETITION. Donald Trump presents the 10th season premiere of The Apprentice, the first non-celebrity instalment since 2007. Another edition of Celebrity Apprentice will launch later this season.
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▶ **The Apprentice**
Reality.
Global, NBC.

Fringe Benefits

SUPERNATURAL. Need a refresher before next week's return of the mind-bending sci-fi series Fringe? Check out a repeat of last year's two-hour finale before diving into season three.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ **Fringe.**
Science fiction.
Fox.

Betty White looks back on her golden years

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ From left to right: Golden Girls Bea Arthur, Rue McClanahan, Estelle Getty and Betty White.

More in demand than ever, 88-year-old has no plans to slow down

It was Sept. 14, 1985, when NBC introduced Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty as The Golden Girls.

A quarter century later, the show is still No. 1 among women who watch the Hallmark Channel, which begins and ends its broadcast day with an episode.

Betty White still sounds giddy when she talks about the show.

More popular than ever following her Saturday Night Live hosting gig in May, her hit show Hot in Cleveland on TV Land and a scene-stealing turn in the upcoming movie You Again, the 88-year-old White recently spoke about her never-ending career.

Is retirement a dirty word for you? Isn't that ridiculous? It is not a dirty word. I am just enjoying what I am doing. If they want me to retire, then stop asking me.

Did you know when you read the The Golden Girls pilot it was going to be so special? We all kind of did. You get a lot of scripts mailed to you and not too many of them are good, but when this one came along it just hit the spot and they sent it to each of us. They sent it to me with the idea of me doing Blanche. Jay Sandrich, who was our director for most of the Mary Tyler Moore shows, said if Betty plays another nymphomaniac they are going to think it is Sue Ann Nivens all over again. He said, why don't we switch them?

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▶ Betty White

Looking back, what are you most proud of about the show? I send up a prayer of thanks for the writing. It has to be on the paper. No matter how much credit they try to take, actors can't do it unless it is on that page and boy was it on that page. To get that kind of writing is such a privilege.

Golden Girls really showed older women in a sexual light. Do you think older women are still allowed to be sexy in popular culture? I think we were just trying to tell it like it is. I think older women still have a full life. Maybe the writers don't address it these days, but it doesn't change the fact. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McGill grad always knew she was destined to be on Donald Trump's reality show

Born and raised in Montreal, Stephanie Castagnier — the only Canadian-born contestant on the new season of The Apprentice, always knew she was destined to work with Donald Trump.

"When The Apprentice started on TV, I thought to myself, 'Oh my goodness, I am made for this show'," she says.

▶ Stephanie Castagnier

The McGill grad grabbed the opportunity to audition for the show, travelled to New York and lined up with thousands of other hopefuls, even sleeping on the street while she waited for her chance. She says Trump noticed her right away.

"As soon as he saw me talk he said, 'Who is that girl? I love her'."

The audition process took weeks, but deep down she says she knew she had earned a spot on the show.

"Inside I knew. I was packing," she explains. The show has already been shot, but we'll have to wait until the show premiers to get any more information.

"It was the most difficult job interview I have ever been on," says Castagnier.

The new season of The Apprentice airs tonight at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

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Album reviews

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Weezer
Album: Hurley
Label: Epitaph
●●●½
If you thought Weezer would never write a good album again, you weren't alone. Their last few discs were huge disappointments — at least for fans of the Blue Album and Pinkerton. Expectations were, understandably, low for Hurley, the band's eight disc, but much to a lot of people's surprise the record is really good. It's somewhat of a return to the old days — loud, fuzzy riffs, infectious hooks and songwriting that sounds like it actually took more than two minutes to write.
Outstanding track: Ruling Me ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Brandon Flowers
Album: Flamingo
Label: Universal
●●●
Killers' fans will be happy to know that frontman Brandon Flowers has only taken a break from the band, not its music. As a matter of fact, the thing that's striking about Flowers' solo debut is how much it sounds like a Killers' album. While it's pop-rock earnestness makes its sound easily accessible, the strength of Flamingo lies in Flowers' storytelling. He takes a Springsteenian examination of his Las Vegas home, finding beauty in Sin City's cynicism.
Outstanding track: Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas ● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Plant shows he can do it without Krauss

Robert Plant
Album: Band of Joy
Label: Matador
●●●●½

Robert Plant could be making gazillions touring the world and shredding what's left of his aging vocal cords touring the world with Jimmy Page in a semi-bogus Led Zeppelin reunion.

The fact that he instead opted to make another roots record says everything about the integrity of one of rock's greatest voices. Critics wet themselves heaping praise onto Raising Sand, Plant's 2007 collaboration with Alison Krauss, and it took home a remarkable six Grammys.

But, in truth, that CD suffered from the muddy monotone of T. Bone Burnett's heavy-handed production techniques.

Raising Sand was good, but Band of Joy is much better. This time Plant put his trust in alt-country guru Buddy Miller, who delivers a much brighter, truer sound for Plant. Together they mine traditional Honeydripper rock (I'm Falling in Love Again), southern gospel (Satan, Your Kingdom Must Down), Appalachian blues (Central Two O Nine) and Celtic fusion (Richard Thompson's House of Cards). For those who miss Krauss's voice, there are haunting duets with Patti Griffin (Monkey, Silver Rider). His upbeat interpretation of Towne Van Zandt's Harms Swift Way is astonishingly good. The opening track, a cover of Los Lobos' Angel Dance, lies somewhere between Steve Earle's Copperhead Road and Zeppelin's Dazed and Confused.

It may not be Zeppelin, but then again, nothing ever will be.
Outstanding track: Angel Dance ● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Black Mountain
Album: Wilderness Heart
Label: Outside
●●●●
Anyone who had Vancouver's Black Mountain simply pegged as classic rock-jamming stoners have plenty to learn with the band's third album. Wilderness Heart greatly expands the fivesome's scope to an array of new influences with a more concise package that includes placid folk, orchestral balladry and meatier metallic chugs. While the psychedelia and experimentation has diminished, more concentration on the harmonies of Stephen McBean and Amber Webber.
Outstanding track: Buried By The Blues ● CAM LINDSAY

Linkin Park
Album: A Thousand Suns
Label: Warner
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A lot has changed since Linkin Park became rap rock Gods a decade ago. Not only has their brand of music gone out of style, they've completely changed too. Their fifth disc is so bizarre it's difficult to know what they're doing. On some level it's more interesting than what they did years ago — they incorporate a variety sounds. They tried this with their 2007 disc too, but this time the album is just one huge mess.
Outstanding track: Hang With Me
● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

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Bono bridges partisan gap

Campaign fights poverty, AIDS

A bipartisan group of senior political hands is supporting an effort backed by U2 rocker Bono to talk with candidates about global AIDS and poverty.

Former Clinton White House chief of staff John Podesta and former Republican Sens. Norm Coleman and Rick Santorum signed onto the One Vote 2010 campaign. Former White House press secretaries Mike McCurry and Dana Perino also are advising the issue advocacy push.

"This is not only the right thing to do in a humanitarian sense, it is also important to our own national security and future growth markets for American investment," said Coleman, a former Republican senator. "One Vote 2010 is key to helping voters and candidates understand how American leadership in these areas is not partisan and must be maintained."

The Washington-based campaign is working with staff and volunteers in New Hampshire, Illinois, Ohio, Florida and Indiana — all states with open Senate races.

The campaign, with Bono as its champion, worked in 2008 to talk with presidential candidates and elicit pledges they would work to fight global AIDS and poverty. The campaign says it had more than 1,000 one-on-one contacts.

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▶ Bono

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▶ Darius Rucker

Monumental immortality

Hootie & The Blowfish is getting a monument in South Carolina's capital city.

The State newspaper reported that a large steel and black granite art piece will be unveiled Oct. 21 in Columbia's Five Points neighbourhood, blocks from the University of South Carolina.

The newspaper reported the monument is expected to be about 20 feet long, 10 feet wide and at least 12 feet tall.

The Southern rockers sold more than 16 million copies of their debut album, ``Cracked Rear View,'' released in 1994.

The band hasn't played together much recently. They celebrate their 25th anniversary next year.

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Sexual harassment settled

Casey Affleck has settled out of court with two women who filed sexual harassment suits against him, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The women had alleged Affleck behaved innappropriately and created a hostile work environment during production of his documentary film, I'm Still Here, about Joaquin Phoenix.

Both women will get credit for their work on the film.

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▶ Affleck

Talking points

Not shaking the baby maker

FAMILY. Ryan Reynolds says he and Scarlett Johansson are still years away from starting a family, despite tabloid reports that they're adopting a baby. "I would say 99.9 per cent of it is just absurd. Silly, you know. And then maybe a relative will call me and ask if I've adopted a baby from Ghana," he tells GQ magazine. "We've not adopted anyone. A few years down the road, we'll be having a family. But that's years away at this point."

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DiCaprio is a lizard-lover

FRIENDS. Leonardo DiCaprio made a new addition to his life that's expected to be with him a very, very long time. The actor reportedly stopped by he North American Reptile Breeders Conference and Trade Show in Anaheim, Calif., recently and picked up a the 10-year-old Sulcata tortoise, according to TMZ. The turtle, which he pre-ordered, according to sources, can live as long as 80 years and grow to 200 pounds.

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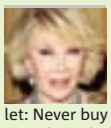
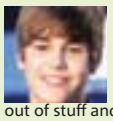
Leo is liking the lizzards

Celebrity tweets



Joan Rivers [@Joan_Rivers] I tell every starlet: Never buy from a straight male designer! If you ever hear him ask, "Liza who?" run in the opposite direction!

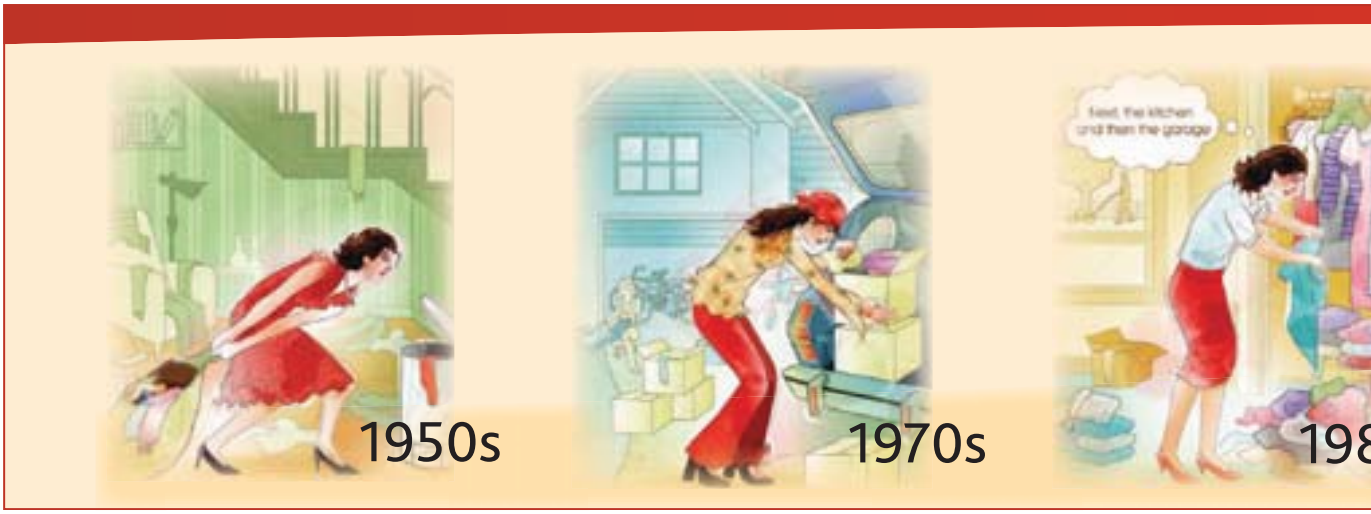
Justin Bieber



[@justinbieber] officially need new @Proactiv - out of stuff and need to wash my face. anyone wanna wash up with me? ;) . that was just wrong. lol

Russell Crowe [@russellcrowe] spite reports,I've never recorded with RZA. He has come to Australia twice to work with South's players, just fun, inhouse stuff to MoTv8

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman] I'm not lazy it's just that I have a very active dream life so I have to be there a lot.



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▶Britney Spears

Is that a rock?

Britney Spears was spotted out with a huge diamond on her ring finger, fueling speculation that boyfriend and former agent Jason Trawick proposed on their recent trip to Hawaii, according to the Sun.

Spears showed off the new jewelry while taking younger son Jayden out for a burger at a Southern California mall to celebrate his fourth birthday. Spears has been married twice before, briefly to childhood friend Jason Alexander and for two years to Kevin Federline. ● METRO

Chanel designer is trigger-happy

Exibit features portraits of Claudia Schiffer, Eva Herzigova, to actors like Jack Nicholson and Monica Bellucci

He's an uncontested master with a pen and sketchbook, on which he's been rattling off blockbuster ready-to-wear and haute couture collections for decades. But Chanel designer Karl Lagerfeld is also gifted with a camera.

A new Paris exhibition showcases the gamut of Lagerfeld's photography, from his commercial work for Chanel to celebrity portraits for magazines to more experimental landscapes and architectural pieces.

The show — which kicked off Tuesday with a star-studded and Champagne-soaked opening at the Maison Europeene de la Photographie — brings together about 300 of the designer's shots and is billed as the largest-ever exhibit of his photographs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶Chanel designer Karl Lagerfeld

Lover's cat fight — Richie and Madden

There's reportedly tension on the home-front for Joel Madden and Nicole Richie after she took in three stray cats while he was away on tour, according to the National Enquirer. "Joel claims the cats hiss and scratch at him," a source says. ● METRO

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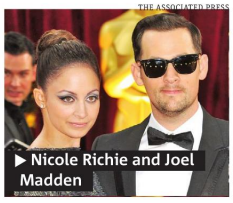

▶ Nicole Richie and Joel Madden

Gaga undermined by senate vote

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday a vote to repeal the military's ban of openly gay and lesbian soldiers had been planned for next week before the singer made waves with a plea during a daytime talk show.

The pop star known for flashy performances and eccentric style called on Reid to repeal the military's "don't ask, don't tell'" policy in an interview with Ellen DeGeneres that aired Monday.

Reid's campaign and Gaga traded talking points on Twitter after the legislator announced the vote. Reid told Gaga repealing the measure was the right thing to do.

Campaign spokesman Kelly Steele said Reid does not take cues from Gaga. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Lady Gaga

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THE STUDENT LIFE

Anna Weisen, 22, juggled her way through universit – figuratively speaking.

Anna Wiesen, left, with her housemates.

Weisen, who graduated from the University of Toronto this year with an Honours Bachelor of Science degree, prioritized purchases and got creative when she shopped. While tuition, rent and books were covered, it was discretionary spending that needed her attention most. One of the first changes she made as a freshman was to slash her clothing budget. "Yes, you want to look cool for your few years at university, but little things add up. I started buying basics that I could mix and match and also started shopping at lower-priced vintage stores. I also tried to shop when there were sales."

Weisen, who worked part-time and shared a house with several other students, planned her food purchases carefully too. While she cooked her own meals at home most of the time, one day a week Weisen treated herself and budgeted for coffee and dinner out.

And that's the reality of student life – you have to control your spending and periodically reward yourself, says Kavita Joshi, director, Student Banking, RBC.

It's so important to track and monitor your money so you know exactly where you stand financially

"Students are focused on getting that education and paying out what they have to... but not spending in ways that end up leaving them with a ton of debt to repay."

Students work hard – at school and at work (and 57 percent of students work during school). Like everyone, you're faced with having to make decisions and tradeoffs in life, says Joshi. Whether you want to buy a new guitar or textbooks, a transit pass or new sneakers, making an informed decision that works for you, is the key.

"It's so important to track and monitor your money so you know exactly where you stand financially," says Joshi. "Budgeting means you know how much money you have, and that helps you to make smart decisions about spending it."

FINDING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Most students don't have a lot of cash, says Joshi. Here are tips that can help you make informed decisions around where you do spend your money.

- *Understand your spending habits and live within your means. For example, if you are a bit of a spendaholic, don't bring a credit card when you go shopping. Always pay with cash or debit.*
- *Understand the difference between wants and needs. Make a list of your needs (transportation to and from school, tuition, rent) and your wants (going out with friends, nice clothes, electronics).*
- *Find a realistic and affordable balance between your needs and wants. Says Joshi: "It's about making sure that for the majority of the time you're really managing where your money is going and being sure that your needs are covered. Then, periodically, give yourself a treat so you can also have a balanced student life."*
- *Control the spending that you can control. For example, buy second hand textbooks, make your own coffee at home instead of buying it all the time, ride your bike instead of driving or public transportation, and bring your lunch rather than buy it in the cafeteria.*
- *Make conscious decisions about when and how you will take on debt. Knowing how to use credit responsibly and wisely is something everyone has to learn, says Joshi. Consider that there are lots of different ways to finance your education. For example, some students spread out their course load over several semesters to free up additional time in order to work more but still allow time for their student schedule. Be sure to explore available bursaries, grants and scholarships too, because most of these additional sources of funding don't have to be paid back. For example, RBC gives out over $300,000 in scholarships a year.*
- *Sit down and discuss all your financial options with your banker.*

For more information, visit ***www.betterstudentlife.ca.***

NYFW's Runway Roundup

A look at some of the trends from New York Fashion Week Chiffon and '70s-inspired designs appear on catwalk, along with classic looks and sophisticated cuts

1 MARK BADGLEY AND JAMES MISCHKA

Review: The real inspiration for the collection that debuted at the Lincoln Center tents was the 1987 movie White Mischief starring Greta Scacchi, about a 1940s-era affluent woman visiting Kenya and finding romance and adventure. They delivered that with a pool-print chiffon top and a long, white georgette skirt dotted with white petals, a strapless sand-and-ivory organza gown with more petals and silver beads arranged like fans, and a romantic rose-and-silver gown that looked like a satin slip and a penoir on top.

2 DKNY

Review: The DKNY woman breezed onto the runway wrapped in the brand's new heritage-print scarf. The spring collection offered for 2011borrowed from many classic wardrobe staples, including shirtdresses, ruffled blouses and trenchcoats. Karan's trim blazers and tapered trousers that she hoped would straddle precision and effortlessness, would work with anything.

3 MAX AZRIA

Review: Max Azria reminded the New York Fashion Week insiders — and hopefully some shoppers, too — that skin isn't always the key to sexiness. The spring 2011 clothes Azria previewed had a sensuality and sophistication that largely came from the ease of the silhouettes. So many of the dresses grazed the body and had such delicate straps that it was almost as if the models wrapped themselves in georgette or crepe sheets and were merely holding it all together with their fingertips.

4 NICOLE MILLER

Review: Miller went for an elegant layered look in her spring 2011 collection, with models walking the catwalk in thin fabrics in a subdued palette ranging from ivory to grey to black. An ivory jacket was worn over a long khaki silk georgette blouse and a satin chiffon dress. A pair of black shorts were cut just above the knee, giving them a very city chic look. A chiffon dress had a prism print on it, while a jacket had cutout shoulders revealing the skin.

5 REBECCA TAYLOR

Review: Rebecca Taylor's head was in the '70s with mirror accents and pleated floral prints. A little bit Jerry Hall, a little bit Ali MacGraw, Taylor punched up some of her high-rise elastic waists with tulip and pom pom designs and knife pleats, sticking mostly to neutral shades of grey, blush, sand and taupe. A canvas trench offered a splash of bright orange, along with a chiffon dot print in camisoles and midi-skirts in lively cherry.

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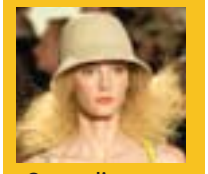
NYFW Trends

Top knots



Orange lips

Frizzy hair

Adding a film to its show, Rodarte presents spring at NY Fashion Week

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Getting past 'the fashion face'

Much-photographed fashion consultant and front row regular Yasmin Sewell is a pro at navigating the competitive fashionistas, insane schedules and traffic jams that make up the four fashion weeks.

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THE INTENSITY

"Fashion week is hectic from start to finish. I start each morning by analyzing the show schedule, which is usually epic. Next, I cram in my appointments. The front row is especially intense. How you feel depends on your state of mind. Sometimes you're comfortable in your own skin. But if you're not feeling your best, it can be difficult. You're in a confined space where you know everyone and everyone is essentially a competitor. I switch off and observe. I focus on why I'm there rather than on myself."

THE FASHION FACE

"I find it hard to hide it when I'm impressed or not impressed with the clothing. If I care about the designer, I just want to jump up and down. But I have to restrain myself. Everyone else has their 'fashion face' on. They show no emotion so as not to give away what they're thinking. "

THE RANKINGS

"Of the four Fashion Weeks, London is my number one. I have an emotional attachment there. Then it's New York. I love the city and although it's not always the best fashion, it's fun and energizing. Third up is Milan as the food is amazing. Everything is so easy there; you can get a taxi in two minutes. Paris is beautiful and it's where all the fashion happens but it's the final city. By then, I'm tired and don't really get to enjoy it as much. Paris is also a bit of a disaster because there always seems to be a taxi strike or something falling apart. They should hire a manager or a logistics guy just for Fashion Week."

THE PAPARAZZI

"I'm not very comfortable in front of the camera so I just laugh at it and get the nervous giggles. Maybe I should try to work a cool pout."

THE MAINTENANCE

"I'm hopeless with makeup but I do moisturize to give my skin a healthy, dewy look. I eat well and that keeps my skin glowing. I'm more about how I feel in my body than makeup. In Paris I have a masseuse on speed dial. Meditation is key in keeping me going so I try to do it twice a day. It completely balances you and relieves stress from the body."

WHEN IT'S ALL WORTHWHILE

"One of my best front row experiences was Alexander McQueen's first New York show in 1999. There was a horrible snow storm and the whole city practically shut down. The storm was no match for McQueen and he still went ahead with the show. He got us all there by limousine."

▶ The always-stylish Yasmin Sewell is a favorite of the fashion paparazzi.

What makes Sewell a front row regular?

- She's the former owner of Yasmin Cho, an exclusive shop, which was once labeled one of the most influential boutiques in the world by The New York Times.
- She's one of the industry's most known and photographed fashion consultants and has worked with brands such as Acne, Rick Owens and the iconic English department store Liberty of London.

American sportswear look of the 1970s coming back

NY Fashion Week takes a trip back in time this year

▶ The Diesel Black Gold spring 2011 collection modeled during Fashion Week in New York

Say what you will about disco, the 1970s were a good time for American fashion. And iff it feels like decades whiplash, you may be right. Fall is the time for the '50s polished lady, and it wasn't so long ago that fashion was embracing the '80s.

But the '70s have been creeping forward, too. Wide-leg pants hitting stores for fall will go looser and easier for spring.

HALSTON

The city-loving night owl that has long defined the Halston customer probably doesn't get out into the garden much, so designer Marios Schwab gave her a few reminders of what it might be like out there: light, pretty, soft.

A black jersey dress, for example, had a gold snake-like halter top, and a two-tone, one-shoulder gown had a burnout effect in the beading.

All it took from a white, high-neck georgette dress to become a sexy number were split sleeves and a gold waistband, and an ivory-pink jersey dress was gathered at the bottom, as if the model had just tacked up a longer gown because she no longer wanted to be bothered by the fuss.

TRACY REESE

Tracy Reese likes her catwalk to be a happy place and she consistently turns out clothes that suit that mood.

For the spring collection that previewed Monday at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week, she used a black halter maxi dress, a waves-and-orchid print peasant blouse and the poncho worn over a tie-neck blouse and Bermudas all channelled the relaxed style of a woman unconcerned about her BlackBerry or iPhone.

DIESEL BLACK GOLD

Flowing rock goddess dresses and tomboy suede jackets in neutral khaki, rich browns and camel were set against the sunny New York City skyline for the earthy Diesel Black Gold presentation.

Leaf motifs more suited to autumn popped up on tailored leather jackets with cross-hatched seams, and in fringe overlay on short dresses and flowing longer versions topped with tight, edgy leather bodices anchored by braided straps.

Diesel called the collection an ode to the West Coast.

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▶ The Vera Wang spring 2011 collection

Vera Wang courting Kill Bill

Vera Wang typically specializes in artful, romantic styles, which might give one pause to the reference in her newest collection to Quentin Tarantino's violent Kill Bill.

But Wang, in her explanation to editors, stylists and retailers in the audience of her New York Fashion Week show, said it was a "fusion of East meets West, with a mixture of boyish urban sophistication and romantic otherworldly sensuality."

Of course, Wang's dresses were the best offering on the runway, including a red silk-tulle gown with a high neck and hand-ruched draping over a bustier, and a grey jersey dress with twisted pleats and a sheer organza back drape.

In recent years, Wang's catwalk has become a bit of a petri dish with the designer not afraid to take risks for big payoffs. It makes for a more directional and influential collection.

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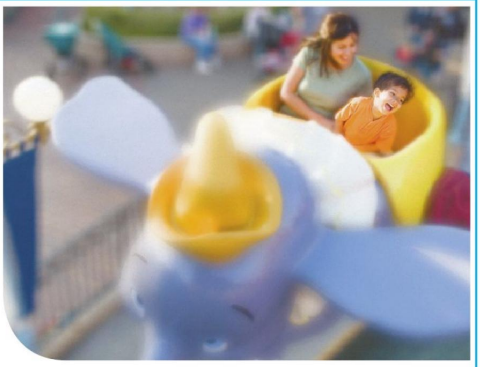

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Marc Jacobs offers up fun, flirty styles for spring 2011

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▶ Marc Jacobs spring 2011 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York

Marc Jacobs knows his clientele and offered up some colorful and fun, flirty styles for his secondary line Marc by Marc Jacobs for spring 2011.

The fashion show, which was at the New York State Armory, the sixth day of New York's Fashion Week, opened with a model wearing a sweet striped long dress that hit below the knee.

Jacobs carried on the frizzed-out hair look from his eponymous line, which he showed the night before. Some models also wore hats that looked like colorful bowler hats.

A grey long dress with a grey top was paired with yellow wedges. There was a striped jumpsuit with beige wedges. A long red skirt was paired with a black, red and grey striped top.

A yellow long dress had a 1940s feel to it. A grey and red striped dress was cut above the knee and paired with grey wedges. Another striking look was a parachuter's jumpsuit was paired with beige platforms. A pretty red and white striped long dress had bows on the shoulders. It was worn with a blue and white bag.

For a sexy day at the beach, there were black short shorts with an olive green shirt. For men, a pair of copper pants was paired with a sleeveless grey raincoat and a shirt. A grey striped suit with tight pants was paired with red and green sneakers.

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Malibu's Gramercy Park channels the spirit of New York City living in Toronto's west end ▶ Designer David Hendrick maximizes the utility and look of small space in model suites

▶ Art is a key ingredient in Gramercy Park model suites.

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"Because it's a smaller suite I've tried to make it lighter and brighter. I picked earth tones and neutrals like brighter blues and greens to freshen everything up and liven it up a bit," Hendricks said.

The brightness continues throughout the suite with the prevalence of reflective surfaces and materials like silk and suede juxtaposed against the dark hardwood floors to maximize the visual drama within the space. He also picked appropriately sized furniture that is both comfortable and practical. In the den, Hendricks fitted a custom bed-desk-and-bookcase unit to show efficient use of the space.

"When you've got a fairly tight space it can be hard to move around in and round tables really make that easier. I wanted to make sure there was a flow and not a lot of choppiness throughout the space," Hendricks said.

Accessories and personal touches abound in the model suite as Hendricks wanted to make the model suite look like a real, lived-in suite that fits in with all the stuff real people collect and display in their home.

Art is the key ingredient that ties any space together and Hendricks picked black-and-white photos because of their universal appeal and touch of realism.

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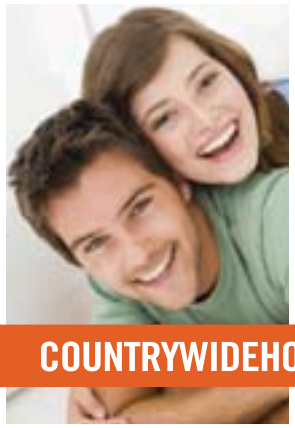

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▶ Simple bedding is luxurious, but lacks colour this year.

Decor trends for fall and winter

Vintage accents, wallpapers are among the hot design choices this year

DECOR MOMENT

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Although trends come and go, I see this fall's decor trends as a welcoming sign of casual comfort, high quality and a return to a better quality of life. It's like a well edited wardrobe; fewer pieces but all of remarkable quality and stability.

Vintage accents
French-burlap and linen is being utilized for chic pillows printed with a vintage stamped design and accent chairs are covered in humble grey linen fabric. Vintage replica lamps made of brass and milk glass are making a comeback as something new and fresh.
Tip: I like this trend look for a guest bedroom; it's casual and vintage is always comforting.

Wallpaper is back
Wallpaper is making a comeback in a big and decidedly fashionable way. From bright and bold to subdued and elegant, today's wallpapers are easy to apply and even easier to remove, making updating the seasonal look of a room easier than ever before. Luxurious touches like gold gilt, crystals and velvet are all the rage in a jazzier setting.
Tip: If you are nervous about adding a print to the walls then choose a tone-on-tone print which will be much more subtle.

▶ Simple, sculptural forms and interesting shapes will allow furnishing to stand out.

Whatever Art
Art doesn't have to be expensive but it should certainly have meaning. Buy what you like and don't be afraid to mix oil, pastel, black-and-white photography; the more you mix the more travelled and cultured you will look. Vintage maps, old road signs, antique phtotgraphy; it all goes as long as it has meaning!
Tip: To add depth and character to your pieces, forego the glass cover that can be distracting and casts a glare that actually detracts from the art.

Burst of Colour
While grey neutrals are still very popular this year for elements like paint colours and upholstered furnishings, coloured accent pieces give a space visual interest and appeal. Brightly coloured and/or patterned pillows, rugs and other accessories will bring an otherwise bland space to life.

Window Treatments
While many love luscious fabrics, an overuse of material on your windows can quickly overpower an otherwise streamlined room. Linen panels are now very trendy since they beautifully outline and soften windows. Silk has made its way back on windows but holds a simpler demeanour than the ruffled silk drapes from the past.
Tip: Adding simple matchstick blinds under drapery panels will mix the rich with the humble — a hot look at this moment.

Rug Rage
There has never been a more exciting time for rugs; whatever style, shape, and design you can imagine is available. Natural animal prints and ultra-bright fashion colours are the two big looks right now.
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"If you need multiple trays and multiple boxes, then all the trays and boxes should be the same colour and ideally the same size, so they don't end up making the room look junky," she adds.

One big trend Siegerman points to is the use of faux leather boxes, either placed on shelves, a desktop or coffee table to hold items like stationary, jewelry, TV converters and more. "They look really tidy and don't look temporary," she says.

For people with bigger budgets, Siegerman says the best bet is to go for custom-designed built-ins. "With gadgets like drawer dividers, various sized drawers and pullouts, you can be sure there is a place for everything," she explains.

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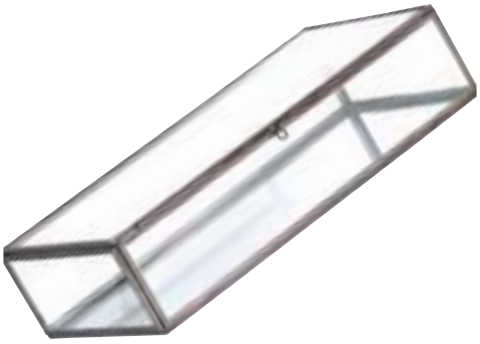

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To try and tell you what the five leading contenders said in opening and closing statements plus their answers to five set questions pertaining to development and building in the City of Toronto, I'd need pages and pages of this newspaper.

It's easier to tell you what I took away from listening to the candidates at a BILD-sponsored debate earlier this week.

What I took away is that we as a community are very fortunate to have 100 construction cranes in the sky right now, as one of the candidates pointed out. Those cranes are very important for many reasons, not the least of which is that they each represent thousands of jobs.

Collectively, all the high-rise condos, low-rise construction and renovation activity currently taking place in the City adds up to a whopping $7.5 billion in construction, 72,000 jobs, $3.7 billion in wages and more than $2 billion in taxes paid to the various levels of government (OUCH).

While economic impact is important, so is the social impact of the 100 cranes, albeit less obvious. As the same candidate pointed out, Toronto gets very high ratings for livability by objective international standards. The vibrancy of the city comes from the very fact that people don't just work in Toronto, they live and play there.

Unlike so many U.S. cities which empty out in the evenings and weekends when workers retreat to the suburbs, Toronto is alive and growing. All the new residents help to ensure the viability of all the service businesses in the City including the restaurants, cleaners, clothiers and convenience stores.

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As temperatures fall and there are fewer opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, your home is becoming your hideaway. Why don't you make it more beautiful and comfortable before winter is upon us?

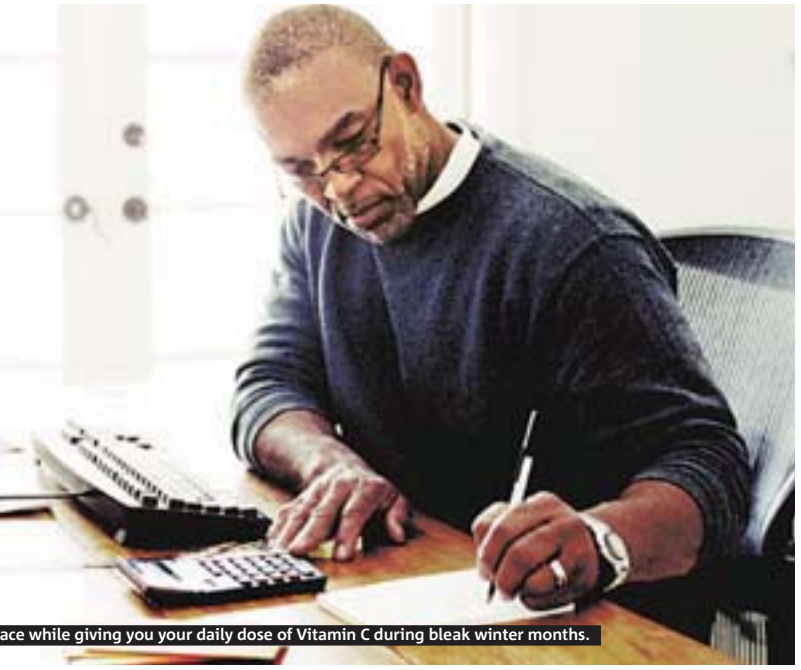
Consider building an addition, such as a sunroom, for extra space and comfort.

More sun exposure will help you increase the amount of vitamin D during those bleak winter months, while creating additional living space for your family.

A sunroom can be used as a quiet reading area, a "winter garden" to grow a collection of plants, and best of all, your winter escape to enjoy the light and warmth during those long winter months.

If your sunroom has a nice view, such as a pond, a garden, a city skyline or simply a lot of open space, it will also serve as a beautiful getaway for your family or visiting guests.

How to plan it out? First, start with a budget and develop a plan. Select windows that are highly energy — efficient and make sure caulking covers all gaps and drafts. Second, ensure your sunroom is properly insulated to maintain the warmth and energy efficiency of your home in the winter.



ace while giving you your daily dose of Vitamin C during bleak winter months.

"Building a sunroom will help your family utilize unused space to create an indoor winter sanctuary.

Remember to make sure it is properly insulated to help you stay warm during the cold winter," says David Flood, insulation expert at Owens Corning.

To properly insulate a sunroom, start with the foundation, including the appropriate studs and adequate insulation requirements.

Ensuring your sunroom floors are well-insulated will help keep your indoor garden weather-resistant, and temperature appropriate, all year round.

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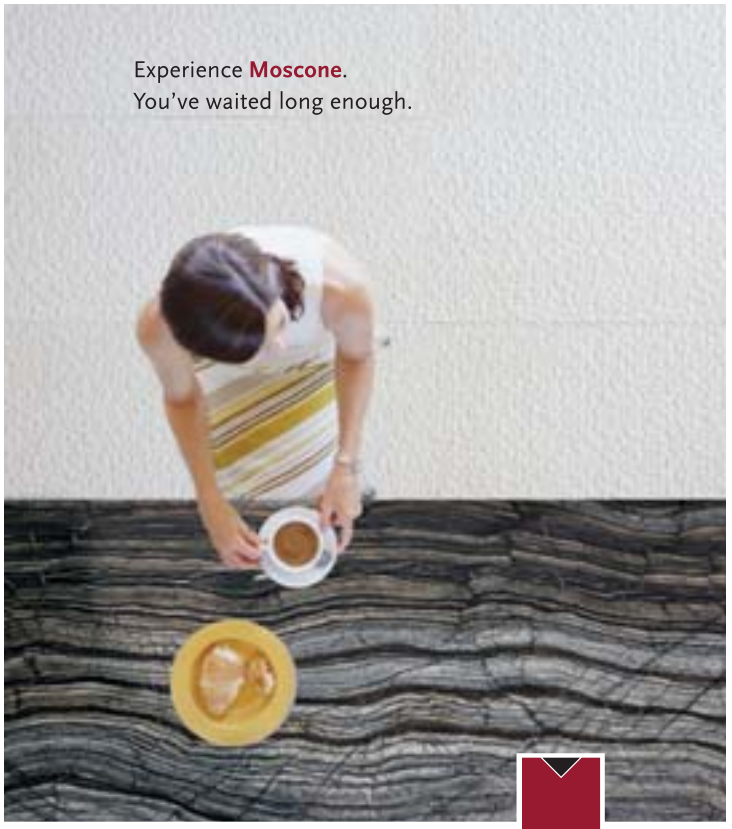

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The grown-up touch to kid decor

Ditch the Spiderman lamps and Disney rooms can help save you the hassle and

▶ Blue and pink are not the only options for colours in children's rooms. Vibrant oranges and green work well too, experts say.

Betsy Burnham loves designing bedrooms for young children. But before she can begin, she sometimes has to steer clients away from painfully cute design ideas.

"I don't like cutesy things — the murals, the Disney things," says Burnham, an interior designer based in Los Angeles.

"Why give them a really babyish room, when it's so expensive to change everything" as the kids grow older?

A child's room can be wonderfully whimsical, she says, "but it can also fit in with the rest of your decor."

Many parents feel obligated to stick with colours and imagery commonly associated with little kids. "But when you do that," says designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of decordemon.com, "you create a powder keg, because then you have to redecorate when they get bigger."

How do you create a space that is kid-friendly, but will also grow with your child and mesh with the rest of your home?

Flynn, Burnham and HGTV's latest Design Star winner, Emily Henderson, share their advice:

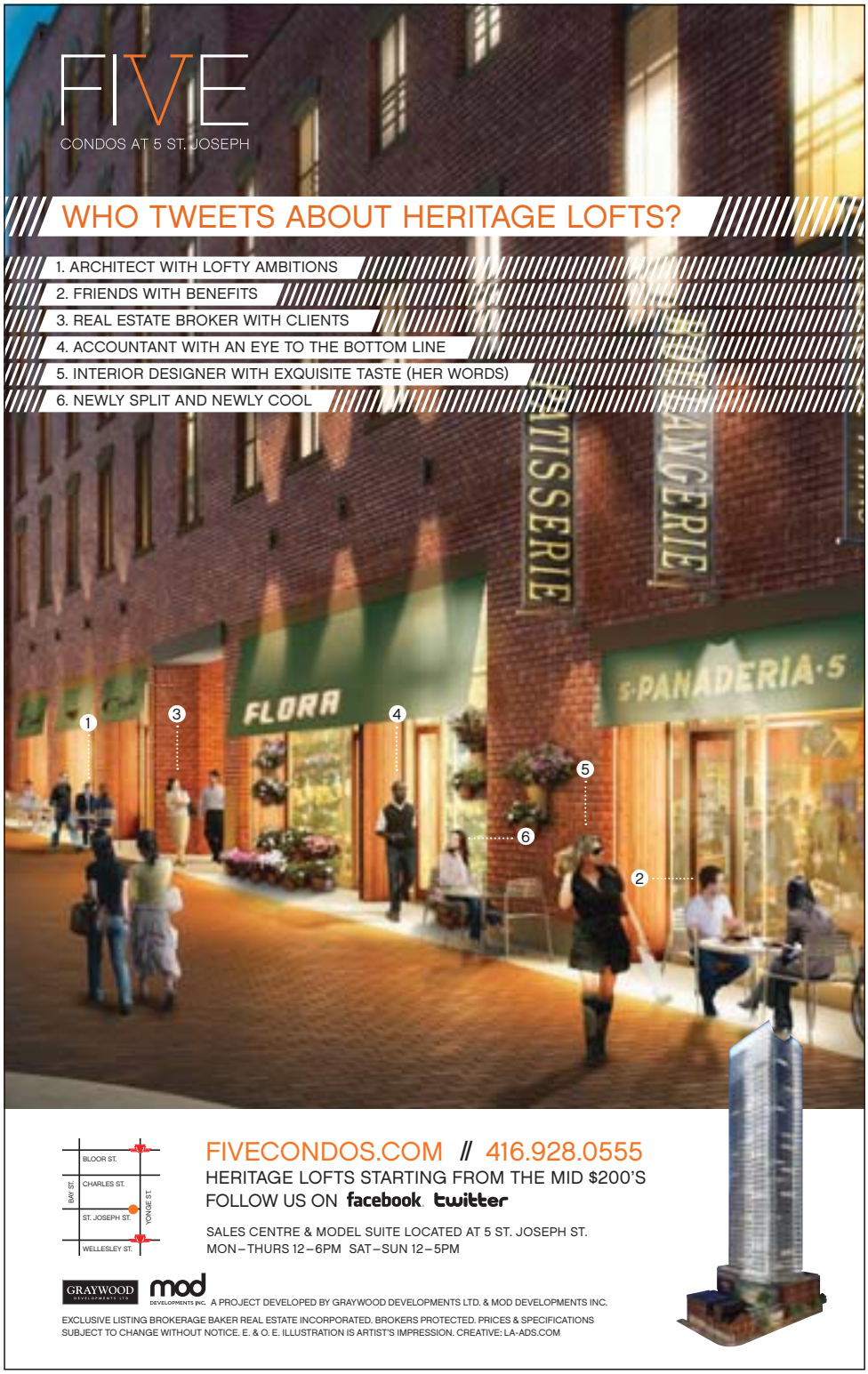
BREAK THE RULES

Forget the typical pastels and primary colours. Flynn loves vibrant oranges and greens for kids' bedrooms: "They're high energy, but totally gender-neutral."

White and brown are also a great combination, he says, because you can accessorize them with a range of other colours as the child's taste changes.

If you're set on pink, Burnham suggests using a shade like salmon or watermelon instead of a more predictable bubblegum pink.

And rather than a basic royal blue, consider a deep



motifs ▶ Thinking differently about kids' costs of re-decorating when they grow

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navy for a look that's crisp and a bit more grown-up.

SKIP THE KIDDIE FURNITURE

Burnham says a dresser with a changing pad on top can be a functional and stylish alternative to a traditional changing table. And rather than buying a prefab kids' table and chairs set, Henderson recommends hunting at flea markets for vintage school chairs and desks.

No need to buy a toddler bed: Your child doesn't need one.

"If you invest in a couple of really nice twin beds, or just one twin bed," Burnham says, you can probably turn that bed into a daybed once the child moves on to a full- or queen-size bed."

KEEP THE CHARACTERS IN THE TOYBOX

"Buy them a Buzz Lightyear toy," says Burnham, "but don't put Buzz Lightyear all over the walls."

Many kids' rooms these days look like advertisements for popular licensed characters. Nothing dates a room more than focusing it on one character — within a few years, your child will be into something new and you'll be stuck with the redecorating bill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vinyl flooring can stretch dollars

Home remodeling, especially room "makeovers," are on the increase, as many of today's homeowners are looking for ways to improve their surroundings, but at the right price.

Nothing dates a room like an out-of-style, worn or stained floor. And some of today's flooring is easy and quick to install and a great way to stretch decorating dollars while delivering striking results.

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- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped green onion (optional)
- 2 slices (each 30 g/1 oz) low-fat Swiss or cheddar cheese

Melted Swiss or low-fat cheddar top these English muffins, spread with a mixture of corn kernels, cucumber, tomato and green onions. They make a nice weekend lunch or healthy snack.

Preparation:

1. Toast muffins or bread and spread with mayonnaise and vegetable mix.
2. Top with slices of cheese and broil in the oven until cheese is melted.

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O&B Canteen in TIFF Bell Lightbox building is more show than substance

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O&B Canteen opened in the hot, new TIFF Bell Lightbox building, so it's no wonder people are flocking to eat here (George Stroumboulopoulos just finished lunch one table over).

They haven't worked out the kinks yet, though. Staff from the soon-to-be-open Luma restaurant upstairs is serving today and it's a disaster: We wait almost an hour to order.

The menu features usual all day/lunch fare — starters, salads, pizzas, sandwiched, pasta and plates.

The Daily Chef's Menu of Poached Chicken was beautifully cooked and tasty, but otherwise the meal was disappointing:

The Beef Brisket ($7, with soup or salad, add $5) arrives on a beautiful buttery croissant, with scant beef slices and just a hint of sauerkraut.

The thin Watermelon Gazpacho needs additional flavouring.

Skip the lackluster Thai Coleslaw ($6) and get dessert instead.

The place is modern, sleek and a fantastic people-watching spot.

The food and service will hopefully follow.

STEPHANIE DICKISON/FOR METRO TORONTO

▶ O&B has yet to iron out the wrinkles.

The penne of perfection

Here is a fast easy family night supper which will please pasta lovers at your table.

Cheddar chicken penne
Preparation:

1. In a large skillet, melt half of the butter over medium-high heat; brown chicken strips in batches, transfer to a bowl.
2. Add remaining butter to skillet. Add green onions, apples, nutmeg, 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt and 1 ml (¼ tsp) pepper; cook, stirring for about 3 minutes or until softened. Add vinegar, scraping any bits stuck to the pan. Stir in cream and cranberries; bring to boil. Reduce heat and boil gently, stirring often, for about 3 minutes or until slightly thickened.
3. Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling, salted water, cook pasta for about 10 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and return to pot.
4. Add chicken and any accumulated juices to sauce; simmer for about 3 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside.
5. pour over cooked pasta and sprinkle with cheese; toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve sprinkled with chives.

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Ingredients :

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 500 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless chicken, cut into strips
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 2 cooking apples, sliced
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- Salt and pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 375 ml (1 ½ cups) 35% whipping cream
- 125 ml (½ cup) dried cranberries
- 375 g (12 oz) penne or other short pasta
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded old cheddar cheese

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Jays. Ring up another

▶ Jose Bautista hits a home run last night against the Baltimore Orioles. For complete game results, visit metronews.ca.

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Bautista matches Bell's season record for home runs

Jose Bautista matched the Toronto Blue Jays' single-season record by hitting his 47th home run last night. Bautista, who leads the major leagues in homers, hit a solo shot in the first inning. He sent an 0-1 pitch from Baltimore's Brad Bergesen over the centre-field wall. The drive landed in the bullpen and gave the Blue Jays a 1-0 lead. George Bell hit 47 home runs during his MVP season in 1987. Bautista's previous career high for home runs was 16 for Pittsburgh in 2006.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'I know I made the right decision'

Foley says picking Argonauts over Lions was 'a last-minute decision' Ontario-born defensive end says he was impressed that Toronto didn't want to change his playing style

Ricky Foley had packed his bags, kissed his mom goodbye and set off to the airport for a flight to Vancouver and the resumption of his CFL career with the B.C. Lions.

But before his departure Tuesday, Foley, a native of Courtice, Ont., stopped by the Mississauga offices of the Toronto Argonauts. It was a courtesy call by the 2009 CFL most outstanding Canadian, an opportunity to thank his hometown team for its interest but to explain he was heading back out west.

"It was a last-minute thing," Foley, a 28-year-old defensive end, said yesterday. "Obviously, I felt bad about the way things had turned out, so at the very least I owed the organization and (head coach) Jim (Barker) and everybody to come out and talk to them and see everything."

Foley liked what he saw. And, along with his dad, Don, he especially liked what he heard about the role he would be asked to play in Toronto and the fact the Argos weren't going to try to change his style.

As a result, Tuesday night, less than 24 hours after the Lions announced Foley was returning to B.C. following a failed attempt to crack an NFL lineup, the Argos issued a news release saying he was joining them.

"There was no huge sales job. This was Ricky Foley making a decision that was best for him"

ARGOS COACH JIM BARKER

"I feel good," Foley told reporters after practising with his new teammates for the first time at a Scarborough high school. "In the end, I know I made the right decision."

Clearly, it was a tortured one. Foley, a six-foot-two 256-pounder, was drafted by the Lions out of York University, winning a Grey Cup with them as a rookie in 2006 and having a breakout season in 2009.

A free agent after last season, Foley signed with the Seattle Seahawks and was a final cut Aug. 30.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NFL reminds teams of rules about female reporters

The NFL sent a memo reminding all 32 teams of its equal access and conduct policy toward the media following a TV Azteca reporter's comments that the Jets made her uncomfortable in their locker room last weekend.

"Women are a common part of the sports media," the memo said, and included the policy. "By law, women must be granted the same rights to perform their jobs as men. Please remember that women reporters are professionals and should be treated as such."

Reporter Ines Sainz, who works for the Mexican network, said she was uncomfortable Saturday in the Jets' locker room, where a few players made catcalls as she waited with two male co-workers to interview quarterback Mark Sanchez.

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No new home for Bush's Heisman

And the Heisman Trophy winner for 2005 is — no one.

Rather than replace Reggie Bush, who returned his trophy after a scandal erupted, the officials who administer the award decided it would remain vacant for that year.

There was some initial talk the trophy might go to former Texas quarterback Vince Young, who finished second to Bush.

The NCAA ruled Bush was ineligible for the 2005 season for receiving improper benefits

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"Everybody plays this game to actually play it, not just to practice. So I'm very excited for the opportunity."

SHAUN HILL, ON BEING PICKED TO START THE DETROIT LIONS' HOME OPENER AFTER MATTHEW STAFFORD WAS HURT

"He's really frustrated, but still upbeat. I know he's going to get over this hurdle."

STAFFORD'S FATHER, JOHN STAFFORD, ON HIS SON'S SITUATION

Scan code for more sports

Winning starts for Madrid, Milan

Real Madrid and AC Milan began their Champions League campaigns with 2-0 victories yesterday, while English rivals Chelsea and Arsenal opened with even more convincing wins.

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho presided over the nine-time champion's triumph against Ajax in the same Santiago Bernabeu stadium where he won last season's final with Inter Milan.

"We pressed a lot and we didn't let Ajax play how they like to play," Mourinho said.

"My forwards just weren't sharp in front of goal."

Milan, Madrid's biggest rival in Group G, beat Auxerre after two goals from new signing Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Cesc Fabregas and Carlos Vela each scored twice in Arsenal's 6-0 rout of Portuguese side Braga, while Nicolas Anelka's double helped Chelsea surge to a 4-1 victory over newcomer Zilina.

Bayern Munich, beaten by Inter in the final in May, defeated AS Roma 2-0 in Group E, while Spartak Moscow beat Marseille 1-0 in Group F.

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"It looked like boys against men tonight. They clearly dominated the game"

AJAX COACH MARTIN JOL, AFTER REAL MADRID'S 2-0 WIN

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Arian Foster, RB, Texans. Ever hear of this guy? The 6-foot-1, 227-pounder carried 33 times for a team record 231 yards and scored three touchdowns in Houston's 34-24 win over the defending AFC champion Colts. A second-year player from Tennessee who spent 2009 on the practice squad, he posted the NFL's second-best rushing total for an opening weekend since 1933 (O.J. Simpson had 250 against the Patriots in 1973).

The NFL's opening weekend saw some players have unexpectedly huge games Here are six of them

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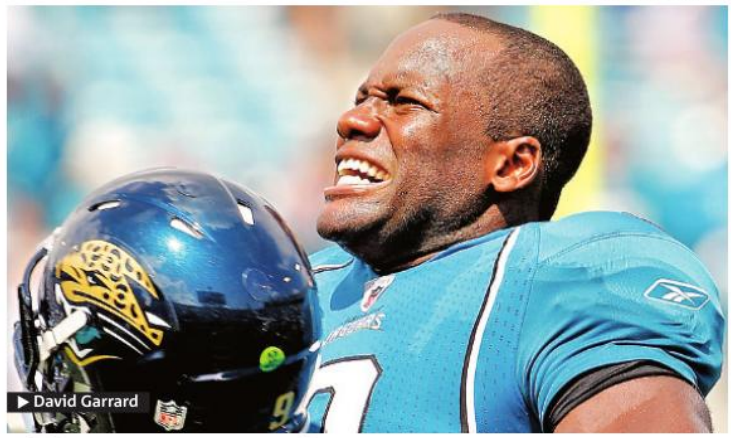

Surprise stars

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Michael Vick, QB, Eagles. Replacing Kevin Kolb (concussion) to open the second half, Vick nearly led Philadelphia to an improbable comeback in a 27-20 loss to the Packers. The former Falcons star carried 11 times for 103 yards and hit 16 of 24 passes for 175 yards and a TD, but was stopped for no gain on a fourth-and-one in Packers territory late in the game.

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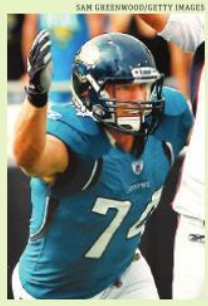

Aaron Kampman, DE, Jaguars. In his first game with his new team, the two-time Pro Bowler had nine tackles, six quarterback pressures and was involved in two sacks in 24-17 win over the Broncos. Playing nine months after reconstructive surgery on his left knee, the 6-foot-4, 286-pounder was on the field for nearly every one of Denver's 61 offensive plays.

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Hakeem Nicks, WR, Giants. Three of his four catches for 75 yards went for touchdowns in the Giants' 31-18 win over the Panthers. The second-year wideout caught TD passes from Eli Manning of 26, 19 and five yards — all in the left corner of the end zone.

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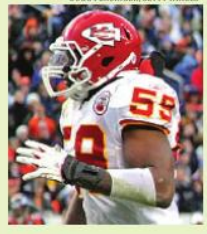

Derrick Johnson, LB, Chiefs. Started sixth season with 11 tackles in a 21-14 win over Chargers on a rainy Monday night. His biggest hit caused a fumble by Chargers rookie Ryan Mathews and led to a Chiefs' touchdown.

David Garrard, QB, Jaguars. (Main photo) The 6-foot-1, 244-pound quarterback produced the best passer rating (138.9) in his nine-year career, hitting 16 of 21 for 170 yards and three touchdowns in a 24-17 win over the Broncos.

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ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY LOST?

CFL Extra Points

DAN TOTH

Successful CFL executives, coaches and players have always found a second, and sometimes third, life with other clubs, but most don't carry with them the extra baggage that new GM Eric Tillman is taking to Edmonton.

Tillman resigned as GM of the Saskatchewan Roughriders in January after pleading guilty in Regina to sexual assault of a 16-year-old babysitter. He was given an absolute discharge and does not have a criminal record, although the court of public opinion isn't nearly as generous.

While many fans are outraged, the Eskimos brain trust obviously felt Tillman's football resumé was more important than his personal conduct. Tillman has won three Grey Cups as a GM with three different teams — 1994 in B.C., 1997 in Toronto, and again a decade later in Saskatchewan.

While everyone deserves a second chance, the pressure and expectations in Edmonton to field a winner exceed the ethical responsibility of the community-owned club.

ARGOS FALL BACK TO EARTH

The honeymoon is over for Jim Barker's Toronto Argos. A surprisingly quick start to the season had the Double Blue challenging for first place in the CFL East while earning plenty of positive publicity in the Big Smoke. Now a three-game losing streak, including a drubbing by lowly B.C. in a mistake-filled nightmare, has dropped their record to 5-5. While still respectable, getting spanked by the struggling Lions makes it clear the Boatmen's quick start to the season may have been a mirage.

REYNOLDS MAY KEEP RISING

Running backs tend to start heading downhill at 30, but don't be surprised if Joffrey Reynolds' best seasons are still ahead of him.

The 30-year-old Texan last week became the Calgary Stampeders' all-time rushing yards leader, eclipsing the previous franchise record of 8,292 yards held by Kelvin Anderson, clearly on the decline when he was released by the club during the 2003 training camp.

Reynolds, on the other hand, remains a physical specimen. He also benefits from platooning with teammate Jon Cornish, an arrangement that will also help Reynolds extend his career and team rushing record ... Desperate to shakeup their roster, the Roughriders have released WR Prechae Rodriguez and placed returner Dominique Dorsey on the nine-game injured list ... The Argos have signed free agent DE Ricky Foley, the CFL's top Canadian in 2009, just hours after Foley apparently came to terms with B.C., though he had yet to sign on the dotted line. Adding to the oddity — both teams are owned by David Braley.

MLB. Jump!

▶ Washington's Danny Espinosa turns a double play yesterday as he leaps over Atlanta's Freddie Freeman.

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Nationals topple Braves

Light-hitting Justin Maxwell's grand slam off rookie Mike Minor in the second inning powered the last-place Washington Nationals over Atlanta 4-2 yesterday, and sent the Braves to only their second home series loss this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	88	57	.607	—	—	3-7	W-1	49-25	39-32
Tampa Bay	87	57	.604	½	—	4-6	L-1	44-27	43-30
Boston	81	64	.559	7	6½	5-5	W-3	42-30	39-34
Toronto	73	72	.503	15	14½	4-6	L-2	39-33	34-39
Baltimore	57	88	.393	31	30½	8-2	W-2	32-41	25-47

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	86	58	.597	—	—	9-1	W-3	48-23	38-35
Chicago	79	65	.549	7	8	5-5	L-1	40-29	39-36
Detroit	72	73	.497	14½	15½	5-5	L-1	47-28	25-45
Cleveland	59	85	.410	27	28	5-5	W-1	31-41	28-44
Kansas City	59	85	.410	27	28	3-7	W-1	32-38	27-47

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	81	63	.563	—	—	6-4	W-6	47-26	34-37
Oakland	72	72	.500	9	15	6-4	L-1	44-30	28-42
Los Angeles	70	74	.486	11	17	5-5	L-1	38-34	32-40
Seattle	55	90	.379	26½	32½	2-8	L-6	33-40	22-50

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	85	61	.582	—	—	7-3	W-3	45-27	40-34
Atlanta	83	64	.565	2½	—	4-6	L-2	52-23	31-41
Florida	73	71	.507	11	8½	5-5	L-2	35-35	38-36
New York	72	73	.497	12½	10	6-4	W-2	42-27	30-46
Washington	62	84	.425	23	20½	4-6	W-2	35-36	27-48

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	82	63	.566	—	—	3-7	L-1	44-29	38-34
St. Louis	74	69	.517	7	7	4-6	L-2	43-26	31-43
Houston	70	76	.479	12½	12½	6-4	L-1	39-36	31-40
Milwaukee	67	78	.462	15	15	5-5	W-1	36-38	31-40
Chicago	64	81	.441	18	18	6-4	W-2	33-42	31-39
Pittsburgh	48	96	.333	33½	33½	3-7	L-2	33-39	15-57

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Diego	82	63	.566	—	—	6-4	L-1	42-32	40-31
San Francisco	81	64	.559	1	1	7-3	L-1	42-28	39-36
Colorado	80	66	.548	2½	2½	8-2	W-1	51-24	29-42
Los Angeles	72	73	.497	10	10	3-7	W-1	41-31	31-42
Arizona	58	87	.400	24	24	2-8	W-1	35-40	23-47

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Last night's results
Boston at Seattle
L.A. Angels at Cleveland
Toronto at Baltimore
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay
Detroit at Texas
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox
Oakland at Kansas City
Tuesday's results
Cleveland 4 L.A. Angels 3
Baltimore 11 Toronto 3
N.Y. Yankees 8 Tampa Bay 7 (10 ings)
Texas 11 Detroit 4
Minnesota 9 Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 11 Oakland 3
Boston 9 Seattle 6
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 16-9) at Cleveland (Carmona 12-14), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Pavano 16-11) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 12-10), 8:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Washington 4 Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 8 Houston 6 (10 inn.)
Colorado 9 San Diego 6
Arizona at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at Florida
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Arizona 3 Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 2 Florida 1
N.Y. Mets 9 Pittsburgh 1
Washington 6 Atlanta 0
Houston 3 Milwaukee 2
Chicago Cubs 7 St. Louis 2
San Diego 7 Colorado 6
L.A. Dodgers 1 San Francisco 0
Today's games
Arizona (R.Lopez 5-14) at Cincinnati (Volquez 3-2), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 1-11) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 14-9), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 4-3) at St. Louis (Westbrook 1-3), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 8-10) at San Francisco (J.Sanchez 10-8), 10:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	87	57	.604	—
Boston	81	64	.560	6½
Chicago	79	65	.549	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	83	63	.568	—
San Francisco	81	64	.559	1½
Colorado	79	66	.545	3½
St. Louis	74	69	.517	7½
Florida	73	71	.507	9

LATE TUESDAY

ORIOLES 11, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Snider lf	5	0	1	0	Andino 2b	6	0	2	3
YEscor ss	3	1	2	0	Markks rf	5	1	2	1
JBautst rf	3	0	0	0	BrnSny ph-1b	1	0	0	0
McCoy rf	0	0	0	0	Wggntn 1b	4	2	2	0
V.Wells cf	4	0	1	0	Reimld rf	0	0	0	0
Wise cf	0	0	0	0	Scott dh	4	1	1	0
Overay 1b	3	1	0	0	Pie lf	3	2	2	2
A.Hill 2b	4	1	1	3	Adjons cf	5	2	2	3
JMcDnl 2b	0	0	0	0	Wlxters c	5	1	3	1
Lind dh	4	0	1	0	Tatum c	0	0	0	0
J.Buck c	3	0	1	0	Clzturs ss	4	1	1	0
Encrnc 3b	4	0	0	0	J.Bell 3b	5	1	1	0
Totals	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**42**	**11**	**16**	**10**

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E—J.Buck (3), Roenicke (2). LOB—Toronto 7, Baltimore 12. 2B—Lind (25), J.Buck (24), Andino (2), Wigginton (27), Scott (27). HR—A.Hill (24), Markakis (10), Ad.Jones (18). SB—J.Bautista (8), C.Izturis (10). S—Y.Escobar.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sh.Hill L,0-2	5 2-3	9	3	2	1	4
Purcey	2-3	1	2	2	1	1
Roenicke	0	3	4	3	1	0
Janssen	1 2-3	3	2	2	2	1
Baltimore						
Arrieta W,6-6	6	4	0	0	1	5
Albers H,7	1 2-3	2	1	1	0	1
Viola	1-3	1	2	2	1	1
Simon	1	0	0	0	0	0

Roenicke pitched to 5 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Arrieta (J.Buck).
Umpires—Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Paul Emmel; Second, Bill Hohn; Third, Gary Darling.
T—3:17. A—16,589 (48,290) at Baltimore.

CFL

WEEK 12

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	10	7	3	0	313	237	14
Hamilton	10	5	5	0	235	255	10
Toronto	10	5	5	0	220	280	10
Winnipeg	10	3	7	0	278	273	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	10	9	1	0	359	202	18
Saskatchewan	10	6	4	0	278	267	12
B.C.	10	3	7	0	245	260	6
Edmonton	10	2	8	0	187	341	4

Tomorrow's game
(All times Eastern)
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
Hamilton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Winnipeg at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 4 p.m.

NFL

WEEK TWO

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	15	10
New England	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	15
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	9	10

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	34	24
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	38	13
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	34

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	10	9
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	15	9
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	24	38
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	14	17

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	21	14
Denver	0	1	0	.000	17	24
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	14	21
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	13	38

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	13	7
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	31	18
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	13
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	20	27

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	14	9
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	9	15
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	18	31

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	14	19
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	9	14

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	31	6
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	6	31
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	13	17

Sunday's games
(All times Eastern)
Chicago at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
New Orleans at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

BETTING

PRO LINE LOTTERY ODDS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

No.	SPT	VIS	HOME	V+	V	T	H	H+	O	#	U
21	CFB	CIN	NCST	3.2	2.6	3	2	2.6	—	—	—
67	BBL	ARZ	CIN	3	2.5	3.1	1.3	1.5	2	9.5	1.5
68	BBL	LAA	CLE	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.9	8.5	1.55
69	BBL	PIT	NYM	3.25	2.65	3.2	1.25	1.4	1.8	8.5	1.6
70	BBL	MIN	CWS	2	1.65	2.75	1.75	2.1	1.6	8.5	1.8
71	BBH	MAUR	KONE	2.2	2	3	2.2	2.4	—	—	—
72	BBL	SD	STL	2.2	1.8	2.8	1.6	1.9	—	—	—
73	BBH	AGON	PUJO	2.6	2.3	3.2	1.9	2.1	—	—	—
74	BBL	LAD	SF	2.4	2	3	1.5	1.8	—	—	—
87	SCR	MNC	SALZ	—	1.45	3.7	5.5	—	—	—	—
88	SCR	SPOR	LILL	—	3.6	3	1.85	—	—	—	—
89	SCR	VIL	ZAGR	—	1.9	3	3.4	—	—	—	—
90	SCR	BORI	KIEV	—	7	4.25	1.3	—	—	—	—
91	SCR	PALR	PRAG	—	2.7	2.8	2.4	—	—	—	—
92	SCR	ZENT	AND	—	2.5	2.8	2.6	—	—	—	—
93	SCR	SMP	PSV	—	3.2	2.9	2.1	—	—	—	—
94	SCR	PSG	FCSE	—	5	3.6	1.5	—	—	—	—
95	SCR	UTRC	NAP	—	6.5	4	1.35	—	—	—	—
96	SCR	SOFI	BES	—	9	5	1.2	—	—	—	—

In the event of any discrepancy between this information and odds available from OLG, the latter shall prevail.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with LHP Royce Ring.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Extended their affiliation agreement with Nashville (PCL) through the 2012 season.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Claimed RHP Cesar Carrillo off waivers from Philadelphia. Designated RHP Craig Italiano for assignment.

BASKETBALL

NBA

ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed G-F Pape Sy.
NEW JERSEY NETS — Signed F Stephen Graham to a two-year contract. Named Doug Overton player development coach and Robby Hoenshel assistant trainer and director of sports rehabilitation.

FOOTBALL

NFL

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Marcus Buggs to the practice squad. Terminated the contract of WR Greg Mathews from the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed RB Thomas Clayton and DB DeAndre Wright to the practice squad. Waived RB Andre Anderson and DB DeAngelo Smith from the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed DB DaJuan Morgan. Waived OL Joe Reitz.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed LB Charlie Anderson. Placed LB Cameron Sheffield on injured reserve.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DL Lionel Dotson and LB Erik Walden. Waived DE Clifton Geathers and LB Micah Johnson.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed OL Dennis Landolt to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Placed NT Kris Jenkins on injured reserve. Signed DT Howard Green.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed LS David Binn on injured reserve. Signed TE James Dearth.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WR Jason Hill. Signed CB Tramaine Brock to the practice squad. Released LB Bruce Davis from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

NHL

NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D Marc Staal on a multiyear contract.
Central Hockey League
BLOOMINGTON PRAIRIE THUNDER — Signed D Matt Woodard, F Brent Clarke and F Jason Dale.

LACROSSE

NLL

BUFFALO BANDITS — Signed associate general manager Derek Graham to a two-year contract and F Roger Vyse and assistant coach Duane Jacobs to one-year contracts.

CYCLING

SPANISH VUELTA

At Penafiel, Spain
Yesterday's results
Stage 17
1. Peter Velits, Slovakia, HTC-Columbia, 52 minutes 43 seconds; 2. Denis Menchov, Russia, Rabobank, 12 seconds behind; 3. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, Saxo Bank, 0:37; 4. Gustav Larsson, Sweden, Sax Bank, 0:50; 5. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, 1:03.
Overall Standings
(After the 17th stage)
1. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Doimo, 71 hours 19 minutes 49 seconds; 2. Ezequiel Mosquera, Spain, Xacobeo Galicia, 39 seconds behind; 3. Peter Velits, Slovakia, HTC-Columbia, 2:00; 4. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 3:44; 5. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Team Katusha, 3:45; 6. Xavier Tondo, Spain, Cervelo, same time; 7. Thomas Danielson, U.S., Garmin-Slipstream, 3:55; 8. Nicholas Roche, Ireland, AG2R La Mondiale, 4:03.

TENNIS

WTA GUANGZHOU INT'L OPEN

At Guangzhou, China
Yesterday's results
Singles — Second Round
Sania Mirza, India, def. Akgul Amanmuradova (3), Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-3.
Han Xinyun, China, def. Chang Kai-chen (5), Taiwan, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Zhang Shuai, China, def. Chanelle Scheepers, (8), South Africa, 6-1, 6-0.
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Ekaterina Ivanova, Russia, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Doubles — First Round
Edina Gallovits, Romania, and Sania Mirza, India, def. Jarmila Groth and Sally Peers, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, and Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, def. Chen Yi, Taiwan, and Liu Shaozhuo, China, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9 tiebreak.
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Chanelle Scheepers (3), South Africa, def. Nina Bratchikova and Ekaterina Ivanova, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
Anna Smith, Britain, and Yan Zi (4), China, def. Sun Shengnan and Zhang Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 10-5 tiebreak.
Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, and Alla Kudryavtseva (1), Russia, def. Alexandra Panova and Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-4, 6-1.
Han Xinyun and Liu Wanting, China, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova (2), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	24	13	6	5	33	23	44
New York	24	12	8	4	30	25	40
Toronto FC	24	7	10	7	22	27	28
Kansas City	22	7	9	6	22	24	27
Chicago	22	6	8	8	28	30	26
New England	23	7	13	3	24	38	24
Philadelphia	23	6	11	6	27	38	24
D.C.	24	5	16	3	16	37	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	24	14	5	5	36	18	47
Real Salt Lake	24	12	4	8	37	16	44
FC Dallas	23	10	2	11	29	17	41
Colorado	23	9	7	7	29	24	34
San Jose	22	9	7	6	24	23	33
Seattle	24	9	9	6	26	29	33
Chivas USA	23	7	12	4	25	29	25
Houston	23	6	12	5	28	38	23

Last night's result
Philadelphia at San Jose
Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
New York at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chicago at Real Salt Lake, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New England at Colorado, 9 p.m.
D.C. United at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND
Last night's results
Group A
Cruz Azul (Mexico) at Arabe Unido (Panama)
Toronto (MLS) at Real Salt Lake (MLS)
Group D
Puerto Rico (USL) at Toluca (Mexico)

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND
Yesterday's results
Group E
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 AS Roma (Italy) 0
Cluj (Romania) 2 Basel (Switzerland) 1
Group F
Marseille (France) 0 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 1
Zilina (Slovakia) 1 Chelsea (England) 4
Group G
AC Milan (Italy) 2 Auxerre (France) 0
Real Madrid (Spain) 2 Ajax (Netherlands) 0
Group H
Arsenal (England) 6 Braga (Portugal) 0
Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 1 Partizan Belgrade (Serbia) 0

Medlock returns to Argonauts

Star kicker Justin Medlock is rejoining the Toronto Argonauts after signing a deal through the 2011 season with the Canadian Football League club yesterday.

Medlock, the team's outstanding special teams player, exercised the option year of his contract Feb. 12 to join the NFL's Washington Redskins. They waived him in June, but he was claimed a day later by the Detroit Lions, who waived him June 29.

In his absence, the Argos turned to Grant Shaw, who will now take a back seat to Medlock.

"We feel kicker Grant Shaw has a great future in this league, but as we make our push for the playoffs, we felt the opportunity to sign the premiere kicker in this league last year was too good to pass up," Argos head coach Jim Barker said in a release. "We will continue to groom Grant, and he will help our football team in other ways."

Medlock joined the Argos last spring and ended up finishing with the second-highest field goal percentage in the CFL at 87 per cent (40-of-46 attempts), behind Damon Duval's 87.3.

He also matched a club record by kicking seven field goals in one game, and was perfect on 22 convert attempts while handling kickoff and punting duties, as well. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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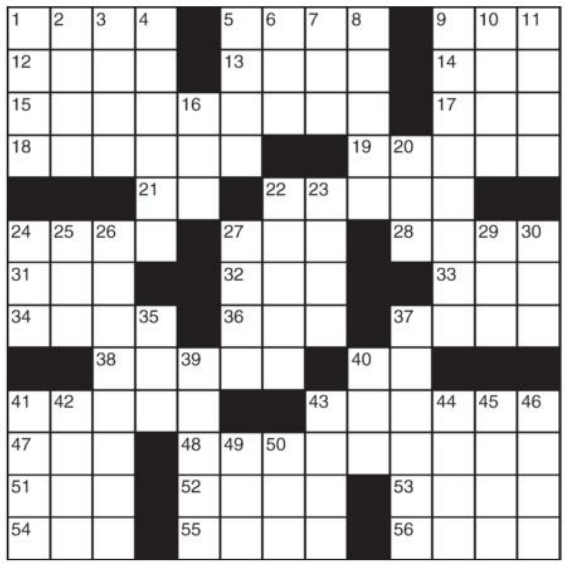

Across

1 Whack at 9-Across
5 Oil cartel acronym
9 Insect
12 Columbus' home
13 Pocket bread
14 Literary collection
15 Speaks ill of
17 Banned pesticide
18 Ranking
19 Verboten
21 Either mate
22 Reside
24 Warhead weapon
27 Expert
28 Long periods
31 Extinct bird
32 "— the fields we go, ..."
33 Feedbag morsel
34 Spacecraft compartments
36 Erstwhile acorn
37 Nervous
38 Sphere of interest
40 Symbol for tin
41 Expiate
43 Choice piece of gossip
47 Bargain bin abbr.
48 Halitosis
51 Scarlet
52 Arm bone
53 Competent
54 "Undoubtedly"
55 Mast
56 Hinge (on)

Down

1 Weeps loudly
2 Abbott's second baseman
3 Verdi opera
4 Monotonous drumbeat
5 Comic strip penguin
6 Pendulum site
7 Ordinal suffix
8 Societal level
9 Bitterness
10 Loosen
11 Feline, to Francisco
16 "— Town"
20 Hearty brew
22 Fear, and then some
23 Toil
24 Mischievous tyke
25 Bill's partner
26 Oaths
27 Lifeguard's place
29 Kvetch
30 Pigpen
35 Trinity member
37 Ingratiate
39 Picture puzzle
40 Round Table address
41 Ethereal
42 Genealogy chart
43 Ski lift type
44 Infant
45 "— have to do"
46 He and she
49 Jungfrau, e.g.
50 "CSI" evidence

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	G	E	D		E	O	N		A	B	A	B
L	U	N	E		S	R	I		U	R	G	E
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Sudoku

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3				8				
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8			6		7			4
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				6				1
9			3			4		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	7	4	8	5	3	6	9	2
5	6	3	7	2	9	1	4	8
2	9	8	6	1	4	7	3	5
9	8	1	4	3	2	5	6	7
7	3	2	9	6	5	8	1	4
4	5	6	1	8	7	9	2	3
8	1	7	3	4	6	2	5	9
3	2	9	5	7	1	4	8	6
6	4	5	2	9	8	3	7	1

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 There will be a change of emphasis in your affairs over the next few days. Work and well-being issues may be important to you now but relationships will soon replace them.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Get your head out of the clouds and start thinking along more practical lines. No matter how many things have come easy to you of late you will soon have to work harder for your rewards.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You have to admit that you could and should have done more to help someone in need, but there is no point making yourself feel bad. It is what you do next that matters. Do something that makes a difference.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 No matter what challenges you face you will handle them with ease — all you have to do is stay calm and refuse to let your imagination run away with you.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 It may be that you don't have much room to manoeuvre at the moment but that may not be such a bad thing. The planets are forcing you in a particular direction for a very good reason — it's the best direction for you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Slow down and focus on the issues that matter. You have an abundance of energy but don't waste it on things that are of no real importance.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 A week from today a new and more positive phase will begin. Before then, however, you must tie up loose ends at work and bring a personal dispute to an end.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Look closely at your life and you will discover that a route you thought had been closed for good is in fact still open to you. It's the route you are destined to take.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will see through someone's attempts to mislead you and, not surprisingly, you will make a big noise about it. Quite right too. It would be nice if everyone was as honest as you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It's time to get serious about something you did not want to get serious about in the past. There may be more interesting things you would like to be doing but this is the one thing that really matters.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Try to be more tolerant of those who see things from a different perspective. Yes, of course, you are right and they are wrong but you cannot force them to see that.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Make an extra special effort to stay on good terms with people today. Even if some of them may drive you up the wall with their annoying ways.

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